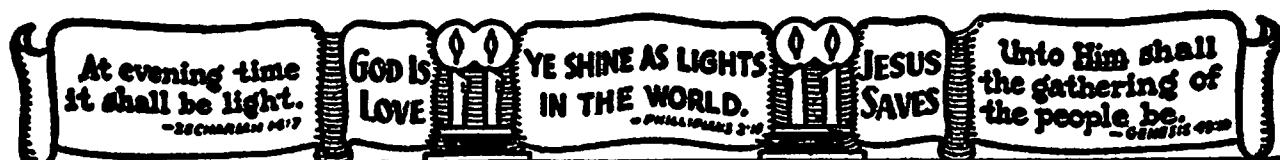


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My Future



What shall I be tomorrow, with my future at my hand?

Shall I live in wealth and comfort, with Satan's voice as my command?

Shall I live in a sin-filled world, a wicked and dirty thief?

No morals will I have, no faith, no Christian belief?

What shall I be tomorrow when I find that my road hath but two paths?

Will I choose that which leads to destruction and later answer to a great God's bitter wrath?

Or will I take the right road—the one that will help me find my way—

A road that will give me strength and courage for the struggles I'll meet each day?

Will I be honest enough to search my soul and let Christ dwell in my life?

Then will I live that life to the fullest, helping others in bondage and strife?

Will I be a faithful servant, using my talents, my time and my all,

To help some lonely, dreary person heed to God's beckoning call?

I thank God that I've chosen to take the right road with my Master reigning within.

Every day I'm living a life of redemption, God's grace keeping me free from sin.

I know that with my Savior's love my life will be full and complete,

For anyone that chooses to live for Jesus will have a future filled with blessings and victories sweet!

—Segatha Douglas

He Careth For You!



1 Pet. 5:7, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." God is intimately concerned with everything that concerns us, and in a much greater measure than we ourselves are. Isaiah 55:8, 9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." His concern for us is more far-reaching than we can ever comprehend, since He has our eternal welfare in mind.

Romans 2:4, "... the goodness of God leadeth men to repentance." We may think of this goodness, in our human thoughts, as being special blessings and favor of God. But I am convinced that ANY thing that leads men to repentance is GOOD. It may be afflictions; it may be reverses; it may be financial setbacks or some disaster, but if it leads men to repentance, it is GOOD. In Hebrews 12:5 we read of the value of chastisement. "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." God doesn't come around every day just to pat us on the back and say, "That's all right," regardless of our actions. That would not be true love and concern for us. Neither does He deem it expedient to prevent our stumbling and falling in some cases. As we let our children learn to walk by taking some falls, so God stands back and lets us get hurt sometimes, to have us learn the lesson better. His ways are not our ways. When these reverses come, if we aren't fully convinced of God's care, we may think, "What's the use? Nobody cares. Nobody understands." The Psalmist writes, "Before I was afflicted I went astray." You see, someone afflicted him, and for a purpose. He was going astray. God has afflicted me at times to straighten me out, because I was going carelessly along a bypath. He did it in love, and I'm grateful to Him. It is pretty easy to go astray if we aren't careful. It is easy to get a little off-course. But if

Jesus kindly pleads, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

we draw back from His chastening, we will limit His will and purpose in our lives. Psalms 78:41, "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."

Are you in some great trial, or affliction, or distress? He careth for you. Trust confidently in Him as a faithful and loving Father. 1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, strengthen, settle you." God wants you to be perfect, strong, and settled. Psalms 66:10-12, "For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net. Thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." God has a wonderful wealthy place for all of us, but He may lead us there by a route of adversities and many perplexities.

My friend, is your cross heavy? Jesus knows. Don't shrink from God's dealings. The wealthy place is up ahead. I have been through some hard places, and I may be called upon to go through much harder places, but I am fully persuaded that He cares for me. I've started for that "Wealthy Place" and I must go God's way.

—Charles Elwell (Condensed from a message)

One Necessary Thing

Do You Have It?

On a certain occasion a very learned man took a boat to cross the river. He was a very studious man, but somewhat narrow-minded. When they had reached the middle of the river, the following dialogue began between him and the boatman:

"Tell me, boatman, do you know how to do mathematics?"

"No, sir, I have never heard of such a thing."

"Well, then, you have lost at least five years of life. Do you know something about astronomy?"

"No, I don't know what that is, sir."

"Well, you have lost about a fourth of your life. Do you know something about physics?"

"Absolutely nothing."

"I assure you that you have lost half of your life through ignorance. I don't know why there are men so careless about such important matters. What good is your life if you don't learn anything? You should know, perhaps, something about biology, the science which is so useful and studied so much."

"Nothing of this, sir; I wouldn't even be able to boast of being able to read very well."

"Well, you are an ignorant man! You have lost three-fourths of your life and I assure you that—"

At this moment the boat hit a reef and turned over. The men fell into the water and the boatman asked the wise man, "Do you know how to swim?"

"No, I don't know how," answered the wise man.

"Well, then, I fear you are going to lose ALL of your life."

Nevertheless, the brave boatman managed to keep the wise man afloat until a rescue boat arrived. When the two were safe on the opposite shore and had dried themselves, they enjoyed a good supper. Then the boatman said to the wise man: "Sir, you are a very learned man, and in our conversation this afternoon, you pitied my ignorance. I, even though unpolished, recognize that all of this that you know is of great value, but for a boatman it is not necessary. There is one thing necessary, indispensable, for a seaman, and that is to know how to swim. I know how to swim, and because of this I was able to save myself and you, too. And if you would permit an unlearned man, but one who has learned to be prudent, to give you some counsel, I would tell you, remember, sir, that even though there are many things in the world that are good and useful, they do not profit all men. And when one is traveling by water, there is one thing that is necessary, although one may know nothing else; this necessary thing is to know how to swim. My counsel is that you learn to swim before crossing the river again."

Reader, all good things that it may be possible for you to learn, you do well to learn them, but there is one necessary thing, and this thing is the salvation of your soul. You might be a great writer; you might be an artist in your work; you might earn lots of money; you might be beloved and respected; all this may be good, useful, and commendable by those in this world. But when the hour comes that must come to all of us sooner than we expect, the hour of leaving this world, all of these things will not profit us anything, if we do not possess the one necessary thing—the salvation of our soul.

And this you cannot acquire with money, nor with science, but one has to accept it as a gift of God to the heart that recognizes himself a sinner and receives salvation from God by faith. Do you have learning? Are you well educated? Are you a good workman? Do you have money? The wise man in the boat perhaps possessed all this, but when the boat turned over, all of this profited him nothing. He possessed many things, but he was lacking the necessary thing in this instance; and with all his knowledge he would have perished had not the good boatman saved him.

Jesus sees us lost, drowning in our sins, and offers to save us if only we will abandon our confidence in pretended merits, all confidence in pretended intercessors, and come personally to Him, repent of our sins, and accept Him in the depths of our heart as our only and sufficient Saviour. Many things are good, but our God tells us that before all and over all, we must seek to be in harmony with Him. We must accept the justification that He offers for our souls. If we do this first, afterward He will add all the rest.

To the sinner who has to die and come to the judgment of God, the necessary thing is salvation. Do you possess it, reader? "For what is a man

profited, if he shall gain the whole world [and all of man's wisdom] and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26. —Selected

The Anointing With the Holy Ghost

Just as Aaron was entering the office as high priest, he was anointed with oil. Lev. 8:12. This was God's divine recognition of him as His chosen high priest; and in this anointing he received heavenly authority to act in such capacity. As high priest, he was a beautiful type of Christ who has become our High Priest in the house of God. Aaron was anointed with the oil, but Christ was anointed from on high with the Holy Ghost immediately after He received water baptism at the hands of John, thus receiving recognition and authority from God His Father to fulfill the sacred and heavenly office of High Priest in the "greater and more perfect tabernacle" not made with human hands.

The duties of Aaron's office consisted chiefly in offering the sacrifices made by the people; sprinkling the blood; burning incense; and making reconciliation for the sins of the people. "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38. He came to bless humanity. His was a mission of mercy. Indeed, the time soon came that as Aaron offered bullocks and rams for the sins of the people, so Jesus offered Himself a sacrifice, not alone for the sins of His own nation, but for the iniquities of the whole world. The anointing prepared Him for both service and sacrifice. It was God's seal upon Him.

Jesus as a man, as a minister, as a preacher, is our example. Just as He was finishing the work His Father gave Him to do He told His apostles—those He had previously ordained to carry this everlasting gospel—to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they should receive the promise of the Father, or "power from on high." This they did, and when the Holy Ghost was poured out, they were anointed with power to fulfill the commission received from their risen Master—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." No earthly anti-Christian power was able to overthrow their faith, thwart their purpose, or defeat their plans and subdue or make void their divine authority. This anointing was the heavenly seal, the holy unction, the baptism of power, the illuminating fire that gave them authority over devils and diseases; clothed them with wisdom; helped them to understand and unfold the Scriptures; and made them witnesses to the world. All who receive this unction are conscious of it from the time of its inception.

Reader, do you know that God has anointed you with the Holy Ghost? Does this anointing abide in you, and teach you? There are counterfeits, but the genuine heavenly anointing will stand the Bible test and give you that boldness, firmness, holy positive-

ness, and wisdom that has characterized God's ministers in every age. And God will fight our battles. Every attempt of the adversary to ignore our authority and set at naught our counsel, He will overwhelmingly defeat. —J. F.

Reason For Frustrations

What men and women, and especially young people, should realize is that sex is NOT the ultimate fulfillment in life. It only enriches married life and fulfills the purpose of God for mankind from the beginning. "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 God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Gen. 1:27, 28, 31)

We also read that God reserved sex for marriage only. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh." (Gen. 2:24) Some young people argue that God made us this way, so it must be all right to indulge. No, but there is a purpose, a time for everything, as the Bible tells us. (Eccl. 3:1) When we get out of God's purpose and time, we sin against His commandments. The Bible says, "Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord . . . Flee fornication . . . he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." (1 Cor. 6:13, 18) The Bible tells about those who are sinners and says, "being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication . . . Who knowing the judgments of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, [eternal death] not only do the same, but have pleasure [consent with] in them that do them." (Rom. 1:29, 32) God had a pure motive in all things that He planned for mankind.

Some teach that unfulfilled sex desires bring frustration, but, in fact, indulgence in the sin of fornication and adultery is what brings the greatest frustration. Sex will not solve all mental problems and frustrations. Why? Because frustrations and problems are not just physical in origin. It comes through direct disobedience to the commands of God. People are deceiving themselves and are seeking to satisfy the desires of the flesh, and not seeking to satisfy the desires of the soul which is the answer to all of their problems and frustrations. The Bible is our book of instructions on the way of finding peace, and that will bring rest and satisfaction to one's mind and body. Through a genuine repentance, turning away from sins, and with godly sorrow, confessing and forsaking them, you can through faith have peace with God through accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour. He died on the cross and took our punishment for sin. We then can have power to live in life as God has taught us and according to His purpose for all mankind.

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For the encouragement of those readers who so faithfully co-operated in mailing us the special three months' subscriptions, we are pleased to inform you that quite a number of the new readers have already written expressing their appreciation for their first copy. Some have subscribed for a year or three years. Remember that your labor is not in vain in the Lord, and He is not unrighteous to forget your work of faith and labor of love for His cause.

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With pleasure we report the annual 10-day Oklahoma State Assembly meeting which was held here at Guthrie during the Christmas and New Year holidays. In answer to prayer the weather was good for the most part, and the meeting was well attended from near and as far away as Florida, Michigan, and California. A carload of young saints from Akron, Ohio, as well as others, were a special blessing in the meeting by their songs and testimonies. These young people and their pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, are to be commended. The Holy Spirit anointed the ministers to preach the Word with power and authority, and sent heavy conviction on the unsaved. Toward the close of the meeting many responded to the Spirit's pleading and wept their way to victory in their souls. On one particular night the altar and the front seats were filled with penitents, and others were kneeling at their seats seeking salvation. There was great joy among the saints here and the angels in heaven as sinners repented.

About 25 ministers were present at various times through the meeting, and the Word preached was clear and positive for the edification of the saints. Love and harmony prevailed, and the meeting closed with victory on January 3.

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Very good reports have also come from those who attended the California State Assembly meeting at Pacoima which was in progress at the same time of the Guthrie meeting. We trust that all of these gatherings of God's people have resulted in lasting and eternal benefits, and for the advancement of God's great cause in the earth. His truth in this "evening time" is marching on, and "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." Our standing with God is not determined by the amount of light we have on God's Word, but what we are doing with the degree of light that we do have, or the direction we are going, whether toward the light or away from it. There is no rhyme nor reason for people to talk of a glowing "seventh seal" revelation when they have apostatized, departed from and are walking far back of the light of the "sixth seal" which has been heralded to the

world since 1880 A. D. The Lord is not in the business of revealing more light to individuals who are not walking in the light which He has already given. Walking in the light will bring God's people to the unity of the faith—in one fold under One Shepherd. If you walk in the light which the Lord sheds upon your pathway, the saints will reach their hands in fellowship to you.

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Ever since its inception in 1923—48 years ago—this publication has held up those precious Bible truths which brought forth this "evening light" restoration movement under the labors of D. S. Warner and his associates. God preserved a "remnant" who did not compromise with the great apostasy of 1910-14, neither will they bow to the present worldly innovations which seek to enter. God is moving by His Spirit in these last days and gathering the "holy remnant" to the heights of Mt. Zion.

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Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky held a revival meeting at Overland Park, Kansas, from Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan. 17, with all-day services on the closing day. Bro. Roy Harmon, the pastor, reported a very precious and profitable meeting with souls saved, sanctified, and others receiving much spiritual help and edification. Saints gathered in for the meeting from various points in Missouri and elsewhere, especially on the week-end, and the Lord suited a spiritual blessing to each one. The congregation there is much encouraged to hold up the standard of Bible truth.

On Sunday night, Jan. 17, Bro. Samons began a meeting at the Benton Community Church of God at Mound City, Mo., where Bro. James Broker is laboring for the Lord. The arrival of snow and cold cut the attendance to the extent that the meeting was closed on Tuesday night. We pray and trust that the gospel seed sown in these few services and by personal contact will yet bear much fruit.

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Sister Hazel Clark, pastor at Akron, Ohio, reported recently that Bro. Curtis Williams of Kentucky held a very profitable meeting with her congregation from Dec. 9 through the 13th, and much good was accomplished.

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Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sister Reinhart Wollert of Colorado whose son and grandson died in an auto accident. May God's presence comfort them and all the relatives in a special way in their bereavement.

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In January 10,000 tracts were printed in the Efik language and mailed to Nigeria for free distribution from the 20 mission stations in that area. This is in addition to many papers, Bible Lessons, books, and Bibles in English mailed to Nigeria recently. We pray that the gospel message will be carried to every honest and hungry soul in the dark corners of the world. Doors to the gospel are being closed, and

there is no time to lose in getting the soul-saving message to the perishing millions in the "regions beyond." Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world . . ."

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"Come now and let us reason together . . ."

God commanded: "Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing." Deut. 7:26.

The Psalmist David said, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." Psa. 101:3.

The Apostle Paul exhorted the church: "Whether therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. God does not get any glory out of lust pictures, prize fights, dancers, wrestling bouts, liquor or tobacco advertisements, murders, crime promotion, etc.

America is experiencing the worst crime wave of teen-age delinquency ever known in the history of the world, and crime is increasing four times as fast as the population. The principal cause can be laid at the door of the movies, television and rotten literature.

Television is helping to fill the jails, the hospitals, the insane asylums, the divorce courts, the clinics for venereal disease, the houses of ill-fame and even hell itself.

Television is robbing the attendance at the church services and is putting out the spiritual fires of many who once loved God. Wherever television goes, real spirituality disappears. No one (without exception) can look upon TV for long and be deeply spiritual, or carry a burden for lost souls.

Some say that it is just the same as radio, (and this is no attempt to excuse the sin of the uncontrolled radio), but there is a difference. It is the difference between hearing the voice of a half-naked woman and having her prance around before you. It is the difference between hearing about an adulterous libertine who stole some man's wife and of having him come into your living room to seduce yours. It is the difference between hearing about beer and liquor, and of having them set up a bar in your home and drink before your children. Yes, there is a vast difference. Psychologists say that up to 90 per cent of our thought life is stimulated by what we see. Thus only 10 per cent of our thoughts are aroused by hearing, smelling, feeling, and tasting. Television employs the quickest, surest route to the polluting of the mind and the damning of the soul. Some claim that they will control theirs, but none of them do it for very long. It soon controls the owner.

A leading magazine stated that "93.5 per cent of the nation's families now own at least one TV set each, and the average set is kept running five and one-half hours a day. The power of television to penetrate the minds of people—even those with relatively little education—is seen as unique because its message reaches the mind through both the eye and the ear."

God said: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezek. 3:17. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1.

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New Books in the Printing Process . . .

A new small, heavy paperbound songbook entitled, "Gospel Anthems," consisting of 100 choice selections, all from the large hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is in the production process. This small songbook in shaped notes with a "message in every song" is in response to a definite need. Price, 50 cents per copy, 5 copies for \$2.25, or 12 copies for \$5.00, postpaid.

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"Struggles of the Reformation" by Edward Ellis.

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Those who have the information, please send in the campmeeting dates for 1971 promptly or by Feb. 15, so we may publish the entire list of dates in the March issue.

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With the continued blessings of the Lord upon this gospel publishing work, we anticipate a greater volume of printed gospel messages going forth to the world. All the laborers at this office (ten or more at present) are working together in love and harmony with the one purpose of getting the "whole gospel to the whole world" to the full extent of our consecrated service. Since this is a non-profit faith work, we are confident that God will open the way for the gospel literature to continue going out to the world according to His plan. Your prayers and faithful co-operation are appreciated. —Lawrence Pruitt

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REASONS FOR FRUSTRATIONS

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Sex is being glorified today and is bringing our nation to a time when it will feel the wrath of God against it. Sex is held up in countless magazine articles, pictures, novels, movies, on TV programs, among young and old, as the ultimate factor in blissful happiness, and will solve every emotional problem and help solve marital difficulties. But this false teaching is leading souls down to a devil's hell. "For she [a woman of low morals] hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chamber of death." (Proverbs 7:26, 27).

We notice the little girl loves her dolls, which is a type of her place in life, and that instinct was planted there by God. This will be her purpose in life. That is, when she is old enough to marry and have her own family, she will love her babies and care for her family and home. We notice the little boys will play with trucks, etc.

Again we turn to the Bible for the plan of God for women—"The aged women . . . may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:3, 5.) This is plain enough without explanation and it is the command of God. If a woman will follow this instruction with a sincere purpose and with God in her heart, she will have a goal in life and not be filled with frustrations. Her work for God is to provide a place of comfort and solace for her family which will lead them to a closer walk with God and security of mind through her instructions based on God's Word. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." (Prov. 31:30)

Mothers, provide your daughters with an example of happiness in being a homemaker. The wife is to be the homemaker, and the husband the breadwinner. Each has his place in the home as God has planned. If each will put God first in his life, loving Him supremely, obeying His Word, happiness will come to that home. But if one fails, then the other one has to work doubly hard to meet the failure, but it can be done by God's help. Adultery is not the answer to any failure on the other's part, but it will bring

frustrations. Seeking God with earnest prayer will help one to face calmly the problem brought about through the failure of one companion to do his or her part, and grace and power will be given to face it.

The teaching that marriage should be done away with and thus end all frustrations is from the very pits of hell. Getting out of God's plan is the very thing that brings frustrations. That is the reason those people are advocating such a wicked practice.

Husbands are to love their wives and be considerate of them. He is to act, talk, and live so she can respect him, his judgment, and his instructions. The Bible says, "Husbands, love your wives . . . as their own bodies." (Eph. 5:25, 28) The Apostle Paul said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest . . . I myself should be a castaway." (1 Cor. 9:27) God is to be the Master of the body and soul. We are to bring our bodies under subjection to Him in every sense of the word. Living according to God's Word will bring true happiness and rest to mind, soul, and body.

—Marie Miles

OBITUARIES



Artie Lee (Reid) Bettis, daughter of William and Louisa Cary Reid, was born February 7, 1886, at Kiowa, Kansas, and departed this life January 17, 1971, at Newton, Kansas, at the age of 84 years, and eleven months.

On April 21, 1907, she was married to John James Bettis at Anthony, Kansas. To this union three daughters were born. Her husband preceded her in death in 1956. She moved to Anthony, Kansas, in 1927.

She was converted in the Church of God and was faithful in her love and service to God. Her home was always open to God's people, and it was a special joy to her to be of service to the saints.

She had been in failing health for several years and had made her home with her children.

She leaves to mourn her passing her three daughters, Pauline (Mrs. Lawrence Hall), and Margaretta (Mrs. Floyd Kennedy), Wichita, Kan., and Evelyn (Mrs. Howard Pickerell), Newton, Kan.; four grandchildren, John Craig Kennedy, Bill Kennedy, Carolyn Kennedy Denver, and Dana Pickerell Hanson; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Mundell of Stark, Kansas, and Mrs. Dollye Gideon, Anthony, Kansas; and one brother, Fred Reid, Anthony, Kansas.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Willie C. Murphey in the Parsons Funeral Home at Anthony, Kan., on Jan. 20. Text: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalms 116:15. Interment was in Forest Park Cemetery, Anthony, Kansas.

Mrs. Anita S. Daniels, daughter of Willie James and Frances Higgs Dixon, was born in 1898 at Foreman, Ark., and died on Dec. 15, 1970, at Los Angeles, Calif.

In 1913 she was converted at Stidham, Okla., under the ministry of Elder Henry Robinson, and later became very active in the service of the Lord.

In 1938 she was married to Irvin Daniels, and later moved to Fresno, Calif., where she lived until shortly before her passing in Los Angeles.

Survivors include one sister Mrs. Lucille Miles of Los Angeles; four brothers, Edward, Ernest, and Oscar of Okmulgee, Okla., and Curtis of Fresno, Calif., and many other relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Bro. M. D. Gaines and others.

Twila Campbell, daughter of Lee and Adda Uber Campbell, was born July 22, 1908, at Homer City, Pa., and departed this life on Nov. 16, 1970, at the age of 62 years.

She was a faithful child of God, always busy passing out tracts and "Faith and Victory" papers, to which she was a subscriber for many years. Her mother, Adda Uber Campbell, was one of the first workers at the Gospel Trumpet Co., then located at Moundsville, W. Va.

The funeral services conducted by Elder Howard Kidd were held at Burnside, Pa., and interment was in the New Washington Cemetery.

—Mrs. Pluma R. North

Edna Sarah (Greer) Meaux, daughter of George and Sallie Greer, was born Sept. 11, 1901, in Hennessey, Okla., and departed this life on Dec. 21, 1970.

On Oct. 19, 1917, she was married to Elwood Meaux, and they had lived in the community west of Hennessey, Okla., all of her life.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age, and later became affiliated with the Church of God.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Elwood, of the home; a sister, Mrs. Fay Whittington of Lawton, Okla.; nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

There is always the hope of tomorrow
To banish the clouds of despair,
The love of our Heavenly Father
To lighten the burden we bear.

There is always our faith to sustain us,
The comfort that comes when we pray;
There is always the hope of tomorrow,
And a happy reunion some day.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams. Text: 2 Cor. 5:1-11.

Foreign Field Reports

LETTER FROM HUSKEY MISSIONARY FAMILY

La Mision, B. C., Mexico (Dec. 21)—Dear Ones: "Joy to the world"—"Peace and goodwill to all men." Oh, that this world might know that real joy that only Christ can give!

We are happy in the service of the Lord, and trying to do more than ever as the Lord gives us faith and courage.

Our children are growing up. Bobby is going to high school in Ensenada. Patricia is real active and grown up for 12 years old. Tim is 10 and doing better in school since we got glasses for him. Rosa is a live wire and doing well in school. Leah is in the doll stage, but wants a toy truck for Christmas. Charlotte is well, but works a lot. Seems we always have someone coming or going at our house, and it is not unusual to have 20 people for dinner. (Mucho Frijoles.) We have two boys other than our own now. Our family worship is usually like a regular size prayer meeting.

Our plans for the trade school are developing. The first of the year we start leasing about 10 acres here in La Mision. This land was a chicken ranch and there are two buildings on the property. It will cost \$400 per year, and we believe that we can produce enough to cover that. The electricity will be in about July at a cost of \$500 for pole and transformers. A local committee of Mexican

brethren has been formed to handle the legal matters. It is a big undertaking, but we believe that the Lord is leading and making things to come about for the benefit of many souls. Many boys want to come, so we will be able to choose those who come. We will send to all that show an interest in this project our statement of purpose and plan of operation and copy of building plan. We will soon start by making adobe blocks. Do pray for us.

We have quite a few meeting regularly and are in the process of having special services each night until Christmas. Bro. Juan Cruz and Bro. Miguel Gaspar are our co-workers here. They are both worthy of our concern and prayers.

Thank you all so much for your love shown to us over the past year by your prayers and gifts. As we move ahead into a new year, let us pray much for each other.

Yours in His service, —James and Charlotte Huskey
Mailing address: P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Cal. 92073.

NIGERIAN MISSIONS REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (Dec. 16)—Dear Bro. L. Pruitt: All the congregations in Abak District send you greetings. We feel the perfect love of God which has opened the door of truth to this neglected part of Africa. Words cannot express our joy. What a freedom from the state of bondage! What a new development in spiritual activities! What a new hope and deliverance! We are expelling the devil's influences and the truth is marching on. Daily the Lord is winning souls to His service. Praise the Lord!

I received the parcel of books. They are very interesting, and brothers and sisters took a copy of each. The Bible Lessons are circulated to each congregation for use in Sunday School teaching. Fourteen congregations took a copy each and teachers took the rest.

We ended our annual convention at Asana last Monday, Dec. 14, 1970, and souls from all over the mission field attended. . . . We received the Lord's blessings fully. Many who came with sickness were healed by the Lord perfectly. This was one of the most memorable assemblies ever held in Nigeria. The details of the events will be sent by Bro. Nse Umanah, the secretary.

We received your monthly financial aid and thanks be to God for getting His overseas brothers and sisters into the spirit of endurance, fortitude and love. We have sent for the Efik Bibles and will soon be distributing them to the various congregations.

One of the rooms in the House of Prayer at Ukpom has been set aside for translation purposes. Bro. B. U. Udeme and I are selecting tracts now.

In conclusion, all the congregations, particularly Ikot Akpan Eda, ask for persistent daily prayers.

May the Lord bless and lead you on in His service.
Yours in His service, —Pastor Mofat U. Ekpo

SOULS SAVED IN NIGERIA

Southeast State, Nigeria (Jan. 7)—Dear Brother Lawrence: "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalms 34:1-3.

I don't know how to put my true feelings into words, but I do really want to do what I can for the Lord because He has been so good to us in the gospel work here. What-

soever a man soweth, that shall he also reap—sooner or later. If one does not receive a love for the truth, he or she will believe a lie and will eventually be damned.

I would like at this moment to report to you and all the saints how the Lord graciously and lovingly dealt with us and the young congregation at Ikot Esen Akpantuen toward the close of last year. God was good enough to answer our timely prayers in such a wonderful way. Praise the Lord! Just at the verge of our departure to attend the Annual National Convention at Asana, the Lord moved in the hearts of eight sinners and they came forward under deep conviction of sins, and received the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Oh, what a joy! Five of them were baptized at Asana during the last convention in December. On Sunday, January 3, the Lord added five more new souls to the fold. Indeed, there is not greater force in the spiritual kingdom than prayer. We are truly thankful for what the Lord has done in our midst these few weeks. We pray earnestly that more souls be saved now than ever, for the time is short. The Word of God concerning sin was given in a quiet manner, but it became "quick and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intent of the heart." Pray, pray, pray on without ceasing for this young congregation at Ikot Esen. Pray for mass revival in the gospel work in Nigeria, and for the Holy Spirit to give us power to live a holy and exemplary life as Christians and to love one another as our Father in heaven loves us.

Your faithful Brother in Christ, —J. U. Etuk

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (Jan. 5)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, your family, and all other co-workers: A very cheerful greeting and the most blessed and bright New Year wishes to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness for all the goodness and unspeakable gifts our Lord has shown to us during the past and we hope His faithfulness will continue for us in the future, too, for He is the eternal God. He always causeth us to triumph in Christ. "For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death." (Psalms 48:14.)

Thank you very much for your letter dated Dec. 18, 1970. Nowadays I am very busy with conventions. Yesterday I just returned from Pazhanji, near Trichur, after attending the convention there. Tomorrow commences the convention at Karikkom. The pandal (a temporary flat roof) is being constructed for it in front of the chapel by the believers here. May the crowd come with spiritual thirst. After Karikkom convention we shall march on to convention at Calicut. May God do wonders in all these meetings is our earnest prayer.

We wish a happy, a fruitful, and the most blessed new year for you, your wife, Sister Marie Miles, and all the saints at the Print Shop.

Your younger Brother in Christ —John Varghese

An elderly lady was mailing a package containing a Bible. The postal clerk assisting her inquired, "Anything breakable?"

His customer had a ready answer: "Only the commandments of God, young man!"

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Prayer Requests



Mo.—“I have so many ailments that I can't be up all the time. I also have a heart ailment. I need prayer.”
—Mrs. Calla Birmingham.

Pa.—“Pray that God will heal my nerves for me.”
—Mrs. Jesse Park.

W. Va.—“I am 78 years old and not well . . . have arthritis of spine and legs.” —Bertha M. Roberts.

Miss.—“Please remember Whitworth College in your prayers . . . we have a few problems.” —A Student.

“Please ask God to help my daughter . . . She has gone from doctor to doctor and is getting no lasting help, but is getting more confused . . . Her marriage is about to fail, and she is sick soul, mind, and body. Hate seems to have entered in.” —A Mother.

Pa.—“Please pray for my husband's eyes. He would like very much to read his Bible.” —Mrs. William Wright.

Okla.—We want you to remember dear Sister Minnie White in prayer. She is expecting God to completely heal her body of an affliction.

Be encouraged, dear saints, to pray on and know in your heart that God does hear your prayers for those things you have need of. The Apostle Paul has told us, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:19. How many riches does Christ have in glory? They are without number. He has all power and plenty on hand for you and me. Expect large things from God, and don't doubt His Word.

There are many more requests that come into the office for prayer, so when you pray, remember them. “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth them out of them all.” —Sis. A. Marie Miles

From The Mail Box . . .

Mich.—Dear Christian Workers: We look forward to receiving our copy of the “Faith and Victory” paper each month. The articles are of great encouragement to us. May the Lord richly bless the work as you labor for Him.
Yours in Christ, —Brenda Downer

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and all the laborers at the Print Shop and saints everywhere: Greetings of love and joy and peace in Jesus. Oh, how I do enjoy all of your literature. The “Faith and Victory” paper is so helpful. I receive strength and courage from reading it, and the Bible Lessons stir my soul. I am teaching this doctrine though I am isolated from the real saints. But praise God, I am holding up the truth as the Lord reveals it to me by the Holy Spirit.

You will find enclosed \$5.00 to be used wherever it is most needed to help carry on God's work until He comes. Pray for me. My health is not good at all. Pray that God may heal my body for His glory.

Your Sister in Christ, —Cherry R. Alba

Kentucky—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. I trust this finds everyone there in good health and every need supplied. I am praising God for delivering me from what seemed to be kidney stones, severe pain and hemorrhaging. I am glad I have learned to trust Him. I am trusting Bro. Lawrence is recovering from his trouble. . . .

If you have them, you may send me a sample of tracts to read and pass on. The “Faith and Victory” paper was surely extra good, which I received today. I read some to my sister-in-law over the phone. She likes it real well.

Oh, how I would enjoy to be in services somewhere with the dear saints! They are truly my people, and dear to me. Sorry to hear of Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott having so much trouble. But we surely are being tried in the furnace so we can come out free of dross. Keep Dale on your prayer list.

I will stop by saying—God lead you, if the way seems filled with loneliness and dread, and send the sunshine of His love to light the path ahead.

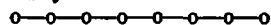
Love and prayers, —Sister A. F. Baldrige.



Indiana—Dear Sister Marie and all there: I do so enjoy the “Faith and Victory” paper and have sent it to many others to enjoy.

I was saved at 17 years of age and found the Church of God soon after. I wish more could see that way. I have had many serious sick spells, but God has seen me through and I praise His precious name. My eyes are failing me, and they itch and burn. Please remember me in prayer there. I am 77 and love to read. I do enjoy the old-time religion in songs and books.

May God bless you. —Delores L. Dietrichson

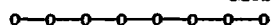


Okla.—I am thankful to be saved and do desire to see the work of God prosper. I am thankful for the good work you all are doing to spread the gospel. I am sending this offering to help in your work. —Sis. Ora Spears



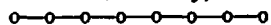
Texas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We are certainly enjoying “Faith and Victory.” This check is to help that others may be blessed as we have been. Please add these names to your mailing list for three years.

Sincerely, —Mrs. Richard Nichols



S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all of the saints at the Print Shop: This new year finds me still pressing on to make heaven. I have a greater desire now to press on than ever. It seems like sin is covering the whole earth. It can't be long till the end of time. I want to be found working when Jesus comes for His saints. I am trying to place all titles of tracts and “Faith and Victory” papers in homes where people do not know the truth. You pray for me that I will keep them going out until Jesus comes. I am sending you a little offering to help in the printing. Pray much for me.

Your Brother in the One Body, —Eddie Driggers



Kentucky—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in Jesus' name, the name which has saved me from sin and preserved me up to this date. I surely do love Him with all my heart and want to please Him with my life. Pray for us that we'll stay faithful and true unto the end.

We returned last night from being in the all-day services at Dayton, Ohio, and we had real good services. The Lord surely blessed. Upon arriving home, I was thankful to receive your encouraging letter. . . . It came at a real good time and we just thank the Lord for it and pray He will bless you and help you in the good work you are doing.

I was glad to hear of the good meeting at Guthrie during the Christmas holidays. We desired to be in the meeting, but our baby got sick and we felt we should bring her home. The Lord has touched her body and she is doing fine now.

We're waiting on the Lord to direct us where He wants us to go next. Pray with us that the Lord will lead us to the places He wants us to go. We surely want to follow the leadings of the Lord and please Him.

We send our regards to all the workers and pray the Lord will bless, encourage, and keep each one in the one true way.

Your Bro. in the Lord, Gordon Humphrey and family

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S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the co-workers at the Print Shop, greetings in the name of Jesus. I am happy that the dear Lord ever saw fit to call me from a life of sin and adopted me into His family. The Lord has been good to me. He gave me that allotted time and some over. I am past 81 years old now. Oh, how sweet to rest upon His promises! Happy is the man who walks so close to the Lord that he leaves no room for the devil to come between. I enjoy living for the Lord. May we allow the Holy Spirit to have His way so completely in our lives that we may daily become more like Jesus.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Archie L. Sweat

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Calif.—Dear Friends in Jesus: I am sending \$1.00 for three more years' subscription. I enjoy your paper very much. It increases my faith for healing. May God bless all of you this year. If you have any tracts, would you send me some?

—Sister Leona Ong

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Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sister Marie, and Saints: We send greetings of Christian love in Jesus' name, our only hope of salvation.

Another year has come and gone and many have gone out into eternity. I ask myself the question, "Did I do all I could to tell them about Christ?" Surely He has done much for us and our desire is to do more for Him in this new year than ever before. We have enjoyed better health in the past few months than we have for several years. Thanks to our good Lord.

The Lord blessed us to be able to attend a number of the camp meetings this past summer and we feel they were some of the best we have ever attended. The Lord also blessed in the evangelistic tent work and we feel much lasting good was accomplished. Lord willing, we plan to have another tent meeting here in June. We feel the meeting last year was very profitable and some here are looking forward to another meeting this year.

It was a blessing to have Bro. Dale Doolittle and his daughter Irma Gayle, to accompany us on a trip back East. We were with the saints at Kalamazoo, Mich., Akron, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Duncannon, and Perkassie, Pa., Durham and Spruce Pine, N. C. We stopped in Richmond, Va., to visit the saints there, but were not able to contact them. We made the trip in Bro. Dale's bus and the Lord blessed us not to have any serious trouble.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the saints who had a part in making it possible for us to have a new car to travel in the Lord's work. May the Lord richly bless each of you is our prayer. We have a number of burdens and some problems, and desire your prayers that we will be all that God will have us to be.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sis. Curtis Williams

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour on this beautiful winter morning. Each day is a beautiful day when we know the Saviour. Yesterday we had 50 degrees and it was raining. This morning we have 16 degrees and snowing.

As we start the new year, we can think back over the old, how the Lord has blessed all who trust Him, for

healing and all things. Praise His holy name. We pray He will help us one and all to be more under a burden for lost souls.

We especially enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper this month which had some lessons in it for us. The "Faith and Victory" is a means of the saints keeping in touch. Our prayer is that this will find all well at the Print Shop and everywhere, with hearts encouraged to press on just a few more days. Remember my unsaved loved ones and the lost everywhere.

With love and prayers,

—Doris Bowers

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Oregon—Dear Sirs: I would like to receive your paper, "Faith and Victory." I have read several copies that were sent to me and I enjoyed them very much. I would like to have you send me this paper for three years for the dollar enclosed.

Yours truly,

—Mrs. Winefred Miller

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W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Several years ago I attended a campmeeting that you and your people conducted at Bro. George Peek's church here in Webster County. It was here that I got a tract entitled, "48 Hours in Hell." I wonder if these are still in print? If so, I would like to receive a dozen or more. Enclosed is a love offering for \$1.00. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ, —Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Cochran

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Calif.—To all the dear family that read "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings for the year 1971: This year finds us residing in California instead of Oklahoma. The following poem expresses my thoughts at this time, and my message to each of you better than I can find words to do.

Bloom Where He Places You

As you are planted in Life's Garden,
By the Gardener Divine,
Be content with your location,
Do your very best to shine.

Gladly blossom for the Master;
Fill your place and fill it well;
Brighten weary souls about you
With your life His love to tell.

Envy not the lot of others,
Though they be so much adored.
Just remember who's your Master
And keep blooming for your Lord.

Though your lot be in obscurity,
And some others out in view;
Do not let the fact discourage—
Blossom on with rosy hue.

Just remember that the Gardener
Knows just why He placed you thus;
These are favorable conditions
For your proper growth and trust.

This is why your color's needed,
So be faithful, O, be true!
And keep shining for the Master—
Blooming where He places you.

—Sel.

So, dear fellow-travelers, please pray earnestly for us (a grand daughter, daughter, and grandmother) that our little lights for Jesus may shine brightly day by day, and that wandering ones in darkness may be guided by the rays.

—Little Mother Ethel K. Miles

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings in Jesus' name: Glad to hear from you again, and to know that all is going well at the Lord's Print Shop.

I spent a few days at the meeting at Pacoima, Calif., during the holidays. Some sought the Lord for salvation, and others for a closer walk with God. The meeting was well attended.

I have enjoyed reading and studying the tracts you sent. They are very good. The tract on "Divorce and Marriage" by Graham is the best I have ever read. And the one on, "A Division in Israel," opens up new truth to me . . . Your Brother,
—H. P. Huskey

Oklahoma.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus. I enjoy reading "Faith and Victory." The letters and testimonies are an encouragement. I mean to be true, come what may. I've gone too far to turn back. I can almost see the lights of Home. I used to like to hear my mother say in her prayers and testimonies, "My face is set like a flint Zionward." Yours in Christ,
—Mrs. Chas. Kelse

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: When I read your comment about your father, the fountain of tears were broken up in my heart. I suddenly remembered how much I loved him. My mind was drawn to Louisiana and Mississippi, where we labored together for about five months with many tears and much pleading for the salvation of precious souls.

My special remembrance was of Louin, Miss., where we held a five weeks' meeting at what was called Zion Hill. The house was full and perhaps a hundred standing on the outside.

When any sect meeting was going on and a meeting started at Zion Hill, it would automatically close all of the others. The rostrum in the meeting house where singers had made a practice of coming to sing in the meeting was empty when we came there, but the Lord began to bless powerfully and souls began to get saved. Brother Pruitt and I were the only ones on the rostrum at that time, as I remember. After two or three weeks there were about twenty boys and girls that had gotten saved sitting behind us singing with all their hearts. But the devil began to work, and while I was gone to take my wife (Beulah) and children to New Mexico, your father was having a real battle. I was gone five days, and when I returned, Bro. Pruitt said he was real glad to see me back. The devil was howling threats with gun play. We decided to try and find the trouble, but it was always just over the hill. I said to him, "Let's go back and preach the Word."

I remember I began to ask God for a certain number of souls, I think it was about fifteen. When that many were saved, I had to raise my request to twenty, then to twenty-five. We had fast days, then all-day services. Conviction was heavy. People began to come to the altar one at a time all day. A boy about ten years old said to me that there was an aged man outside wanting to get saved, and should he bring him in. I said, surely. He went out and got him by the hand and led him to the altar. I again raised my number to something over thirty.

There were five blessed weeks of meeting, and thirty-nine souls professed salvation. After that was the baptizing. It had rained about ten inches. All of the water holes were filled up and muddy. There were about three hundred people on the bank. As we entered the water, some boy on the bank said he would hate to go into that muddy water. A young convert in the water replied that if he knew judgment was coming tomorrow, he would be

glad to get into the muddy water. There was great rejoicing at Zion Hill, Louin, Miss., in 1932. I have one deep regret that I didn't stay with that flock of converts for awhile, but the Lord knows our hearts. I weep now about it. Let all be faithful at their post of duty.

Your father is gone now, but he is still close in my heart. The years are passing swiftly for me.

—A. E. (Gene) Harmon

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LETTER FROM SISTER SAM ABBOTT

Ohio—(Jan. 10)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Maybelle: Greetings of love in the name of Him who said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Praise His dear name! I've truly found it so.

We need and appreciate the prayers of each one. Now I'm thinking of Sam's accident. I want the saints to know, however I can see little, and trying to write pains my weak eye. I hope you can read this, for part is written with both eyes closed.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, Bro. Abbott was sawing a board in the basement of our home with a power saw. He stopped the saw to change the board, and when he started to saw again, it jumped into his left hand and down to his thumb, taking a slice of it. He bled profusely. We called the saints and prayed. God slowed the blood some, but it was thought best to have a few stitches put in, as it was evident the main artery was severed. The saints took him to the hospital. They made X-rays to see if the bone was sawed. It wasn't, so they cleaned and dressed the wound, closing it with 24 stitches. He is very weak from loss of blood, which has also affected his heart. He is mostly in bed, but we feel God will take care of everything.

I am sort of holding my own, though very nervous, but I can walk about the house some. I praise God for how He brought me from the brink of death, and am looking to Him to heal my eyes. We can never praise Him enough for what He has done, and for His dear saints.

—Sister Armilda Abbott

(Editor's note: Write them a cheery card or letter. Address: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Abbott, 3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410.)

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. I am so thankful to the Lord for His love to His trusting children. He has been very good to me.

For about two years I had been bothered with a soreness in my chest. Last fall it got to bothering me quite a bit, and one evening especially it was quite painful, and in prayer before going to bed I called upon the Lord to heal it. Before I got into bed I had relief from the pain, and in the morning it seemed to be completely gone. Today I am free from pain with scarcely a feeling of soreness. The devil tried to discourage me, but I just kept a rebuke on him. Thank the Lord for all He does for me.

May God bless you one and all. I trust all are well there at the Print Shop.

Christian love,

—Sister D. T. Thomas

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love in the name of our precious Saviour. He has proved Himself to be wonderful to me.

I would like to share with you a very small incident this past summer that proved to be a blessing to me. I

was privileged to attend the American Institute of Cooperation Convention at Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, along with many more young people. While I was there, Bro. Ted Salle, Margie and Nancy came up to see me one evening. They got there around 7:30 p. m. They went to the main dormitory to ask for me. The clerk thought I was staying in the main dormitory, so gave them the right room number, but the wrong dorm. Naturally, they didn't find me. There was a meeting going on at this time, so the clerk thought that I had gone to the meeting, but I hadn't. I was waiting in my room for them at the same time they were sitting over in the main dorm waiting for me. We spent about two and one half hours waiting on each other. This seemed such a waste of time. But the Lord had a blessing in it for me. During this trip, I hadn't had much of a chance to be alone with God. After waiting for some time, I began to get restless, wondering if they were coming. About that time the thought came to me that now would be a good time to pray—no one was about and all was quiet. And that is what I did. I would like to have visited with the Sallies during the time we spent waiting on each other, but since it took that to get me to spend some time with God, I'm glad the Lord worked it out that way. Though I'm sorry that the Sallies, after going to all the trouble to come see me, didn't get to visit any longer than we did. I just hope they got a blessing out of it, too. This is such a small thing, but I find that there are blessings in the small and seemingly unimportant events of life. It seems to be the small things that make the Lord dearer to me. My desire is to be more like Christ and to be a better example that I might lead other souls to Christ.

Christian love,

—Rebecca Sorrell

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints of God: I am still thanking God for help that I received after being anointed and prayed for during the December meeting at Guthrie. Truly God does hear and answer prayer.

I thank God for salvation and the determination to be faithful unto the end doing whatever I can in the work of the Lord.

May God continue to bless the work there. Inclosed find . . . to use as you see the need.

Yours in Christ,

—Sister R. C. Wadley

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Mo.—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: We are so thankful for what He is doing for us daily. We will never be able to repay Him, but we want to praise Him forever. We have found Him to be a present help in time of need.

Not so long ago something must have bitten me on my collarbone after I had retired for the night. The suffering was intense and by morning it had gone all the way down my arm. It was almost unbearable. But my husband prayed so earnestly for me, and praise God, He healed me. So we can safely trust in the Lord. Oh, what great love He has for us!

We trust all is going well with you and yours in the great work for God.

Yours for the Truth,

—Ellen and F. E. Wilson

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Ill.—Sister Goldie Knapp's testimony about how the Lord healed their soured water-well made me remember the time last summer when God cut a tree down for me. I know it is good to take all our problems and needs to God, for it pleases Him to answer the prayers of His obedient and needy children.

When we moved to DuQuoin over two years ago, there was a tall, dead Lombardy poplar tree in our back yard.

It would sway much in the wind, and oftentimes as I hung clothes on the line I would notice it and think what could happen if it came crashing down. It was situated where I did not see how it could miss anything if it fell. If it fell to the south or southeast it would do damage to our neighbor. If it fell to the north or northeast it would damage our house or other things. There were wires to the west, so really, I often wondered just how it could be felled without doing damage. I supposed if we had the money we might get a professional tree-trimmer to cut it down, but they charge quite high, and we couldn't afford to call one. My husband didn't really have the tools, and I suppose he really would have needed help. Anyway, the tree kept standing and swaying in the wind—a potential danger always.

One morning last summer I stood in our back door, looking at the stormy sky and threatening dark clouds that promised to bring wind. Our forecast was for thunderstorms and windgusts. I noted how the Lombardy poplar swayed and thought again what it might do to our roof, our neighbors, or to a person who might be in the wrong place. As I watched it and thought how helpless I was to do anything about it, I said in my heart, "Lord, you can take care of it."

The day went on, and like Sister Knapp, I completely forgot about the tree. In the early afternoon we got the storm that had been predicted—lightning and thunder and strong gusts of wind. Having no fear of storms (for my Father has His way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet!), I stood in our front door (looking to the east) and watched the rain, wind, and noticed how the trees across the streets swayed and bowed in the strong gusts of wind that came every few moments, still never thinking of our dangerous dead tree. Some time during the storm I heard the neighbor lady next door talking very loudly and the thought crossed my mind, "Perhaps she is afraid and is praying." I couldn't distinguish her words. I could only tell she seemed excited and agitated. I thought how glad I was that I did not need to be afraid.

When my husband came home, we ate our supper and discussed the storm, and then he went out into the back yard as his custom is when the weather is nice. Soon I heard him call me excitedly, "Old Woman!" (He has called me that for years.) "Where did you say you were when it stormed?" Then he told me to come and see the tree.

I can never describe the wonder and thanksgiving I felt when I saw that tree. It was broken even to the ground and laid just as straight along our side fence as it could be. It had not touched a wire. It might have broken a few small limbs on some small trees along the fence. It lay across a large limb on our pretty tulip tree, but didn't break it. The tree was so tall it extended almost half-way up along our house, past Mary's bedroom window, and also past our neighbor's window where it could easily have been seen by her as it fell. The tulip tree broke the fall of the poplar so that it did not make a noticeable noise for me to hear as it crashed. I was amazed at how perfectly the tree was felled. Is there any limit to what our God is able to do? Praise His name!

—Thelma Sprague

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Oregon.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, I greet you in Jesus' dear name: I can report victory in my soul, and thank the dear Lord for what He has done for my feet. I have been having so much trouble with my feet. They burned all over the bottoms, and they felt like I was standing on something real hot. It was very annoying, and I asked

the Lord to heal it. All praise to the dear Lord, He healed them! He is so good to all of His children.

I am earnestly praying for that growth on your neck or face, and I believe He is hearing prayer, so keep looking up from whence your help comes. Ours is a great God, One who has all power. Be encouraged. Many prayers are being prayed for you to One who hears and answers prayer.

I thank you for the tracts you sent. I read and enjoyed them. I am enclosing a little offering to use in the Lord's work. May He bless all your labors for Him is my prayer for all the dear ones who are working there. Christian love and prayers, —Sis. Emma Busch

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of Christian love to each one of the workers there in the Print Shop, as well as to all the family of God everywhere. I have so much to thank the Lord for tonight, so thankful for His great love and mercy to us and for the grace and strength He gives me daily. The Lord has been good to my husband and me this past year, and has worked out many things for us. I do thank the Lord for all His blessings and help. I thank the Lord how He worked it out for me to be home this blessed Christmas season and this winter. . . .

May God richly bless each one of you dear workers at the Print Shop. May we each be faithful this new year, working harder and praying more earnestly than we have ever done before, that our loved ones and souls everywhere may be stirred to a realization of their need of a Saviour and seek the Lord and be saved before it is too late. Your Sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

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Georgia—Dear Ones: I want you to know that the Lord has blessed me and I feel happy in my soul and body for my healing. The Lord has moved all doubts away. Jesus is real and I am on the steady march to that beautiful Home on High. Just pray that my faith fail me not, and that I meet you one day where Jesus is.

—Sister Elizabeth McNair

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Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the name of our Lord. I am happy to be able to say that I have been victorious through another year. I am praying for strength and zeal to do a little more for the cause of God in this new year. It seems like the world is getting so wicked and people's hearts seem to get harder, and they don't want to hear about God, much less live for Him. It seems like the opposition to true religion is so strong that it is almost frustrating when we try to get the point over to people. I am not discouraged about those things because we each one have to stand for ourselves. I do want to be watchful and prayerful and not let anything slip.

The spirit of the world seems to be like a magnet these days and it is so hard for the young people to resist and stand fast for the Lord because the pleasures of the world are so numerous. They seem so exciting and dazzling, and appeal to self, the flesh, and the strong desire to be with the "in" crowd and patted on the back by the "up" people and just plain be like "everybody else." It seems so hard to get people to reason with God and be willing to sacrifice and give up their ways, which seeks pleasure and excitement, but usually nets them confusion and frustration, for the holy, pure way of God brings peace, rest, and satisfaction. I know some people who will admit they are miserable and they know they need to make a change, but they seem determined not to get saved yet, and they know that is the only answer to their dilemma.

I am real glad I yielded to the Lord some thirteen years ago, before the world got so wicked. Who knows how hard my heart would have been by now, or just what type of life I would have been living? I appreciate salvation and the great love of God. I often think about the blessed refuge we have in Christ and I am so thankful to be in the Ark of safety.

I read in the "Faith and Victory" that Bro. Curtis Williams needed help in paying for a new car. Five dollars isn't much, but I do appreciate his labors in God's vineyard and want to help out. The laborers are few, but still there is much to do, as the song says, and I do thank the Lord for the true ministers of God.

May God continue to bless in every way with the publishing work. I have been reading "God's Gracious Dealings," by Bro. Fred Pruitt, and it surely is inspiring. May God be with you each one.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Shirley Knight

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Penn.—Dear Sister Miles: I greet you in the name of Jesus. I was converted Jan. 12 of this year and the Lord has really been good to me. I am a new creature in Christ and desire your prayers. I am so happy in Christ today that I don't know how I ever put it off.

I am sending for the Sunday School book and am including a small love offering.

Yours in Christ,

—Betty Kelly

BORN TWICE

How can this be? The question is not new. It was first asked over nineteen centuries ago. It would be interesting to know how many times it has been asked since that memorable night when Nicodemus came to interview our Lord. He was a man of letters and high learning of his day—a Pharisee, a man, we might say, himself a consultant and a ruler among his people. Jesus was not elated by the traditional "pat on the back" that Nicodemus used to open the conversation. He immediately got to the vital point: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." An amazing statement indeed! The master of Israel countered with: "How can a man be born when he is old?" And later: "How can these things be?"

In St. John 3:7, 8, Jesus said: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Perhaps, no two people receive this wonderful experience exactly alike, and there is no set formula by which it comes. Our Savior says: "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." We see there must be an awakening, and opening of the heart's door. If there is no response, this Visitor of visitors may seemingly step away for a while, but will return again and again—for how long, I do not know.

I would like to relate in condensed form how this experience came to my life. I was born (first) of wonderful, devout parents. I could always go to my precious, patient and loving mother to soothe my

hurts and answer my many questions. About the age of five, there arose a big question in my awakened and inquisitive mind. Kneeling at my mother's knee, I looked up into her wonderful face and asked: "Mother, where did God come from, and who made Him?" "Robert," she said, "God has always been; He has always existed." "No, Mother, I mean way, way, way back before anything we see was made, who made Him?" In her wisdom, Mother put her hand upon my head and told me there were many mysteries that we little human beings could not know, but that God had always existed.

My first school was at a one-room country structure where some of the "boys" were as large and as old as the teacher. I am ashamed to say that I soon took up some of the habits of the older ones, and, among other things, I began to take the name of God in vain. One bad thing led to many more.

My brothers and sisters were Christians, but that could not suffice for me. Our oldest brother had gone from the farm to the city to prepare for a business career. He was converted, and wrote such wonderful letters to us at home that I knew he had something that I needed badly, but did not have. When he came home for a visit I could see he had been wonderfully changed. He became a traveling salesman. In 1912 there was an epidemic of spinal meningitis in our state. We urged him to remain at home until this epidemic had lifted, but he felt there was not much danger to him. However, this struck him suddenly where he had registered in a hotel. My father went to his aid, but this brother passed away, and had to be buried in that area.

This is how I was awakened to my need of being "born again." Another brother, a sister and I had remained on the farm to take care of the chores. No phones or cars were in our area in those days. We were not aware that our brother had passed away until about nightfall when someone drove to the farm by horse and buggy to break the sad news to us. We were indeed grief-stricken. In our old farm home was a large hallway, a reclining cot, and on the wall our large family clock. As I lay sorrowing on the cot, there was a hushed stillness. My thoughts were troubling me. The ticking of the clock sounded as loud to me as if a hammer were pounding on the wall. Suddenly the clock stopped ticking. It seemed an inward voice spoke to me and said: "Young man, your heart will stop beating some day, just as the clock stopped ticking, and you are not ready for this." At that moment I was possessed with a strong desire to become ready for this final event of this earthly life. I responded in my heart or conscience and promised that if only my life would be spared and I was shown how to become ready, I would do this.

The Apostle Paul, who witnessed and sanctioned the stoning to death of Stephen, our Lord's first martyr, was awakened and astonished by His voice on the road to Damascus. Three days and nights of praying and fasting followed the event which brought to him the marvelous experience of being made a new person—"born again."

The gentle, yet firm and solemn words of the awakening of that night kept ringing within me. In a couple of days I took down with measles and was in bed for the next two weeks. I had time to think and reflect on my past. My intense hunger and thirst for God became more fervent. There was now no question as to who made Him and where He came from. I just wanted Him in my life. There is a Scripture (which I did not know then, as I had never read the Bible) in Hebrews 11:6 which says: "... He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." In a very crude and perhaps awkward way, I began to talk to God, or pray, and this brought great blessing and satisfaction to me. My dear thoughtful mother gave me the Bible that was in my deceased brother's possessions. I began, fortunately, to read in the New Testament. I was completely captivated by the wonderful words and miracles of our Lord. In a comparatively short time, one morning as I was kneeling beside my bed, God gave me the assurance that I was His child, "born again," made a "new creature." What a thrill, as peace, love, and devotion filled my being! Romans 8:16—"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Both Jesus and John the Baptist in their preaching exhorted the people to repent and bring forth fruits meet or worthy of repentance. Our dear Savior let me know that it was my sin that had caused Him, in love to me and all of the human race, to be nailed to the cross and shed His innocent blood to save me. During the two weeks I was in bed my heart and conscience were greatly sorrowful for my sinful life and my neglect of His offered mercy. This brought deep repentance, followed by a sweet sense of forgiveness. The Holy Spirit witnessed to my spirit that I was God's child.

I would like to relate one of several incidents which occurred before I was saved. In our community there was a general store with a room in the rear with tables where customers could eat a cold lunch—canned meats, etc. Three of my companions and I went back to this room to eat. The proprietor was busy in the front and told us to take what we wanted and when we finished he would come to see what the cost was. We ate quite heartily, resulting in several empty cans. The thought came to us—Why should we pay for all? We pitched some of the cans out of the window. When the proprietor came, we asked what we owed him for the cans on the table. He figured the cost and we paid him, thinking we had pulled a good one on him.

This incident had been completely dismissed from my mind until brought so vividly back during the siege of measles. This greatly troubled my conscience. I could not shake it off. This wonderful "inner voice" told me in order to have a clear conscience "before God and man" I must go to this store-keeper, acknowledge my wrong and pay for the cans thrown out of the window. This took a lot of courage and grace, which was furnished by my newly-found Friend.

When I went to Mr. S——, whom I had known from my early boyhood days, I told him of the wonderful experience that had come to my life—of how our Lord had completely changed me, and he was somewhat surprised. He grasped my hand and said, "Robert, stick with it!" He was reluctant to take the money. However, I followed the example recorded in the Bible of Zacchaeus who said to our Lord: "If I have taken anything from any man . . . I restore him fourfold." Twenty years passed before I saw this man again. As we grasped hands, his first words were: "Is it still sticking?" My answer was, "Yes, and becoming more wonderful as the days come and go—approaching that final, great and notable Day."

—Robert L. Longley

Christian Perfection

Christian perfection is looked upon by some as an impossibility in this life; but when we turn to the Word of God and see the many plain texts upon the subject, it must become evident to every candid mind that it is in the plan of redemption that every child of God should attain to it. It would not be according to the nature of divine grace to require of us anything we could not do. No reasonable earthly parent would demand an impossibility of a child, and it is certain our heavenly Father would not command us to be "perfect even as he is perfect" unless he has provided abundant grace to bring us up to this blessed experience. According to our own power or ability we could never reach such an exalted plane, for it is not within the power of man to change his depraved nature, and every self-effort to reach a state of perfection is but vain. But God is able to make all grace abound and as an All-wise Father He has made it possible that we should be perfect.

Had God commanded us to be perfect in knowledge, wisdom, judgment, or in anything else in an absolute sense, we would be forced to the conclusion that God has either required an impossibility of us or it is not for us to attain in this life and therefore belongs only to the resurrected state. But we can clearly see the nature of His requirements and that they are all within the limits of His grace toward us in this life.

When Jesus commanded us to be perfect (Matt. 5:48) we can quite easily comprehend His meaning when we notice in the few preceding verses that we should be perfect in love, even to the extent that we should love our enemies, that we may indeed be the children of our Father which is in heaven. The children of this world love those that love them. It is an easy matter and quite natural to do this. But to love our enemies is very contrary to the depraved nature; unless there has been the cleansing wrought within, there will be some inward consciousness of hatred toward those who spitefully use and persecute us. The high standard of righteousness which Jesus teaches here and throughout this chapter is the standard of sanctification. The love of God must be perfected in us, which destroys every element of the

old nature, of which hatred is a prominent characteristic.

The first and great commandment, both of the old and new dispensation, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc., is also a standard too high to be attained perfectly without the experience of entire sanctification; but it was not possible then that it could be kept perfectly, for there was no provision then made to destroy the power of, and cleanse the heart from, inbred depravity. The blood of those sacrifices could do no more than sanctify "to the purifying of the flesh." The inward condition of the heart could not be changed. Thus we see clearly that this commandment could not be kept in the New Testament sense of perfect love. Now, the blood of Jesus, which He shed on the cross that He might sanctify and cleanse our hearts, can make us holy. When the heart has realized the power of this cleansing and the love of God "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost," we can in deed and in truth love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Praise God for His wonderful love to us! He furnishes the love with which to love Him. If we but give Him our hearts He will furnish all the rest. He wants an empty, clean vessel into which to pour out His love, that it may be manifested in this dark and sinful world.

Oh, that every child of God could see the imperative need of an absolute consecration and then cheerfully and voluntarily meet the conditions of the same, so that God could fill each heart with love, and cause each one to know what it means to love God with all our heart. As long as our affections are divided between God and anything else, our love is not perfect and until the regenerate heart has made the Scriptural consecration, there will be a divided condition of the affections. The obedient regenerate heart dwells in God, and thus is taught of God the necessity of the perfect consecration, which, when fully complied with, enables the perfect cleansing to become effected. The Apostle John says, "Herein is our love made perfect," and "his love is perfected in us."

No one can ever be fully satisfied in this redemption life until this second work of grace is accomplished in the heart. Justification brings us into the blessed kingdom of God's love. Sanctification perfects His love in us. This second grace enables us to realize not only the meaning of perfect love, but we also comprehend the glorious fact that God has wrought in us perfect purity and holiness. This implies our being perfect in God's will, and because we have yielded our will completely to Him. Every disposition of our will which sought its own way is now in perfect conformity with His and as Jesus could say in Gethsemane, "Thy will be done," which meant death on Calvary to Him, so we have said the same to God with a vivid consciousness that once for all it meant death to us. It has required the perfect will of Jesus to obtain this grace of sanctification for us, and it now requires our perfect will to receive it from Him. Here is where we can stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Another beautiful characteristic of sanctification is perfect unity. One of the most striking features of the religious world today is division among those who profess to believe in and follow Christ. There is no greater evil existing than this. Men have made creeds and sects and have persuaded the people to join them, until the disgusting spectacle of division is seen everywhere, and the non-professing world is amazed at the sickening sight. Hireling preachers are pleading for their respective denominations, and while many honest children of God are dissatisfied with this sad state of affairs, they are taught from the pulpit that God made these divisions and it is the duty of every Christian to join and support them. But such is not the will of God; He has designed that His people should all be one, and in His prayer Jesus expresses the extent of this unity. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." This certainly implies a wonderful and perfect unity. Many sect advocates cry, "Impossible! impossible! God's people cannot be one." But the whole theme of Jesus' prayer is unity. As we carefully read this prayer we can readily perceive the divine method to effect this unity. It is plain and simple: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth . . . Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." Then in Heb. 2:11 we see again that this is God's plan—"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one."

This grace not only brings us into a perfect inward unity with Jesus Himself, but it just as truly brings us all into a perfect inward unity with each other. Divisions, sects, and factions are productions of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21) and not of the Spirit. Sanctification destroys all the works of the flesh and extracts the very root itself and renders divisions impossible. Every sect yoke is destroyed because of the anointing. Isa. 10:27. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to effect this unity in us with God and with each other. Every human effort to accomplish this must necessarily end in failure. There are many efforts today to effect a union among Christians, but union is not Scriptural unity. Union of sects is far from the Scriptural unity of believers. A union consists upon a human basis and may consist of a union of sects, or a union of individuals, without any conditions of spirituality whatever, each individual or body retaining its distinctive and separate division. Scriptural unity is based upon the inner-wrought grace of sanctification, where everything non-spiritual is entirely destroyed and the Holy Spirit has the right of way in every respect according to the perfect will of God.

It is only as we are thus perfected in this grace that the prayer of Jesus will be fully answered and His people lose every vestige of division. No sanctified heart can remain loyal to anything that separates the people of God. All sect holiness is below the Bible standard, for it upholds that which sanctification destroys. This is a far-reaching assertion, but

in the light of Gods' Word it is true. Many have lost this experience by listening to the perverted teachings of false shepherds and remaining in sectism. God says the "anointing" breaks and destroys the yoke, and no sect yoke will ever again fit on the neck of a sanctified person, if such remains loyal to the Holy Spirit. Praise God! He alone can effect perfect unity in us, by His divine process—sanctification. Then by the careful adherence to the teachings of God's Word, this beautiful apostolic unity can be maintained and demonstrated among men, and the prayer of Jesus further answered, "That the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

The difference between present and future perfection. In his letter to the church at Philippi, the Apostle speaks of a perfection in the future, which, unless understood, may confuse some minds upon this subject. In Phil. 3:12 he writes, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Here it sounds as though perfection is not attainable in this life, but if we notice the language of the context we can clearly see that he is speaking of the resurrection of the dead. Verse 11. It is the resurrection perfection that he here has reference to, which cannot be attained in this life. We must wait with the Apostle until this "mortality shall be swallowed up of life," before we reach a state of absolute perfection, and with him, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." But in verse 15 he says, "Let us, therefore, as many as be perfect be thus minded," showing that there is a present perfection which he, with others, has already attained. This is the experience which it is the will of God for us all to enjoy. For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Dear reader, have you attained it, or are you yet living beneath your blood-bought privilege? "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." —Heb. 13:20, 21. —J. W. Byers

God and man united in Christ is the Church. In the Church of God is the uniting of all men with God and with each other. The manifold wisdom of God, the mysteries of God, the character of God is revealed through His church. God in His beauty shines out of the Church. She is all fair; there is no spot in her.

The Church of God is attended by the ministry of angels. It is the only institution on earth that angels desire to look into. They pass every other thing by, but stop at the Church to admire her beauty and to bestow their ministry. It is the only institution on earth that affords joy to the angels. All the conquests of the Church on earth bring joy to the angels.

—C. E. Orr