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### New Year's Greetings to You in 1972

### Time Is Running Out!

As dawns the new year clear and bright,  
Take courage to pursue  
The paths of righteousness and light;  
Be brave, and strong, and true.

May peace attend thee on thy way;  
As life unfolds—but trust;  
His mercies are renewed each day,  
Have faith in Him—ye must.

Be not dismayed when sudden fear  
Springs up before thy way;  
Just wait on God, He lingereth near  
To turn thy night to day.

Be earnest in thy thought and prayer,  
And to His Word give heed;  
You'll find in trials He is there,  
Supplying every need.

There is a promise, oh, so true,  
The gospel has unfurled:  
"Lo, I am with you even to  
The ending of the world."

Yes, ever true He doth abide:  
Our Saviour, Lord and Friend;  
The One who for us bled and died,  
But lives to never end.

How bright the future shines, what rest  
Is ours this year to face,  
As in the pathway of the blest  
His precepts we embrace!

Set free from sin and fear and care,  
We're filled with full salvation.  
What matters now the lot we share,  
While in life's short probation?

So may this new year bring you joy,  
And better days ahead;  
With faith that Satan can't destroy—  
And by God's hand be led.

—Leslie Busbee

Time is running out, not only for those of mature age, but also for many young people, as well as old. Disease, accidents, dope and many hazardous things are claiming the lives of our people without respect of age or person, thus ending their time here on earth. Whether prepared or unprepared, they will meet the judgment of God, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds." Rom. 2:6.

Then we are looking for a final end of time for all people when Jesus comes back to claim His Bride (the Church). We do not know how soon, but according to His Word and prophecy, it could be soon. No one knows the time or hour, not even the angels in heaven, but the Father only. To the people that are in darkness (sin), or of the night, He will come as a thief in the night. To the children of light (saved), or of the day, His coming will be expected, for they will be watching and waiting with bright anticipation. They will not be as the five foolish virgins that had no oil in their lamps, and were too late to buy, but as the five wise virgins that had their lamps full of oil (the Holy Spirit) and ready to meet the Bridegroom.

"Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. Jesus said, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," Matt. 24:37. In the days of Noah the wickedness of man was great. The earth was corrupt and full of violence. They were eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark. Matt. 24:38. "And knew not until the flood came and took them all away: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:39.

What a fitting description of conditions of the world today! The wickedness of man is great today. The earth is corrupt and filled with violence. Many sins are committed today that may not have been in Noah's time, such as abortion, dope, women professing to know God following the ungodly fash-

ions, dressing immodestly, exposing their bodies, causing men to lust and commit adultery.

God is looking for a pure and holy people without spot and blameless. Are you where God wants you to be? If not, get busy. Time doesn't wait for anyone. There is no time to play religion. Your soul is at stake and it is too valuable to be lost in eternity. Have you been born again? Are you walking in the light of God's Word, taking the Word and Spirit for your guide? Have you cleansed yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, foolish talking and jesting, or whatever it might be? God can help you to be clean, pure and holy. He will cleanse you from all sin, so you can be ready to meet the Lord when He comes or when your time here is ended.

As Noah's ark was the means of saving eight persons from the flood, so will Christ be the ark of safety for all that believe and obey Him. He is the door. Enter in and be saved before time runs out.

—Olive Keene

## JUSTIFICATION

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

Justify, as used in the Bible, means not merely to pronounce or consider just, but to make just. When the sinner meets the necessary conditions laid down in God's covenant with man, God for Christ's sake forgives the sinner and thus renders him justified. There is no power but the divine that can justify the sinner, and no name given in heaven or among men whereby we can be justified except the name of Christ. "It is God that justifieth." Rom. 8:33.

The conditions prerequisite to justification are stated in their simplest terms, repentance and faith. Jesus said, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel" Mark 1:15. On the day of Pentecost the convicted multitude asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter, answering, said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). When the Philippian jailer came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, asking, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved," the prompt answer was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 31). These texts teach unmistakably that repentance and faith are the conditions of justification. The power to justify is God's; the power to repent is man's. The blood of Christ is God's provision for man's salvation; the act of saving faith is man's appropriation of that provision. When men repent and believe in the atoning blood of Christ for the remission of sins, God for Christ's sake forgives, and the soul is justified, or freed from all its guilt.

Since justification is the removal of the guilt incurred by the transgression of the divine law, it

follows that for the soul to remain justified, the life must be kept free from wilful transgression of divine law. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 Jno. 3:4). "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). Sin, then, in its broadest sense, is any transgression of divine law, but sin is not imputed unless the law be known to the transgressor. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:41). Sin may be committed either by doing what the law forbids or by failing to do what the law enjoins.

From the very conditions on which the justified state is obtained, from the nature of the process by which the justified state is reached, and from the very meaning and experience of justification itself, we see that the retention or preservation of justification demands a life of obedience to divine law, a life free from sin.

Justification restores the soul to communion with God by the removal of personal guilt. Yet, from the very nature of justification, it cannot restore the man to the divine image lost in the fall, for we are not guilty of, or personally responsible for, the existence of native depravity. It remains for some other process in the divine plan to remove native depravity.

—D. O. Teasley

## IN GOD'S LIGHT

Recently, in quest for my daily Bread and Water of Life, the last part of Psalm 36, verse 9, seemed to stand out in extra bold letters and I stopped to re-consider it. The verse reads: "For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy Light shall we see light." The marvels, blessings and benefits of this Light began to unfold throughout the Scriptures and in personal experience. Light dispels darkness. When God placed the sun in the heavens to give us warmth and light, He saw that it was good. So much better is spiritual light. The dictionary gives this: "Light—the condition of illumination necessary for vision."

In March, 1912, while I was in gross darkness, through the great love and mercy of God this great Light dawned upon and awakened me by a direct visitation of the Holy Spirit. So wonderfully our God knocked at my heart's door. I opened and great light shone in, revealing my lost, ruined and undone condition. Deep, godly sorrow and repentance followed, also restitution in time, and great peace, grace and deliverance from the captivity of the devil came to my life. We lived quite a distance in the country and I had never read the Bible nor attended many religious services. I wondered where I should go to meet with others in worship.

It was my last year in high school, and with my parents and family, we had moved near a small town to be nearer school. I began to search among all the denominations I could, but all told me it

was impossible to live right, or as the Bible teaches. I was greatly puzzled, but continued diligent searching of the Scriptures. My school mates and my parents thought I was beside myself and losing my mind by reading the Bible so much. The church question was still a major one and I wondered why there were so many different groups, and all a little different, but each telling me I could not live as God expected us to live. Finally, each Sunday, I would take my Bible and go back of our farm by a creek and read and pray all day. My precious mother was very worried and concerned, as I didn't come back until night. Late this Sunday afternoon on my knees before my open Bible, our great Father God began to talk to me. He said: "You are My child, aren't you?" I replied with the joys of salvation and great peace that, yes, I was, and had no condemnation. He said: "Well, you just belong to My great family." What a joy and relief thrilled my soul! This great Light had revealed to me His Church. I felt so free that it was like walking on air.

That summer I attended a Farmers' Congress at College Station, Texas, which was a large gathering. One day I heard a man singing the song entitled, "Eternity," and he was there preaching on the grounds. I asked him if he could tell me where I could get that song. He gave me the address of the Gospel Trumpet Co. I sent for the song book entitled, "Select Hymns," and with it was sent a tract entitled, "Must We Sin?" by Bro. D. S. Warner. All this was great light to me. By the reading of the precious Scriptures, and especially Jesus' prayer in John 17, I began to see the evils of division. One night I rode my horse into town to see what I could find by contact at a prayer meeting. On my way home I began to sing: "From Babel confusion most gladly I fled, and came to the heights of fair Zion instead; I'm feasting this moment on heavenly bread; I'll never go back, I'll never go back."

Of literal Babylon Jeremiah warned: "My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the Lord." Jer. 51:45. In Revelation 18, it is said of the Heavenly Messenger that the earth was lightened with his glory and He cried mightily with a strong voice (showing urgency), "Babylon, the great is fallen, is fallen. . . . Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." We hear many say that there are good and saved people in there. Yes, that is so true, or God would not say, "Come out of her, My people."

Now in crying and wrestling against the spirit of division and confusion, Paul said, and so should we, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [any person or people], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12. It seems that comparatively few hear and heed the voice of the Spirit and the Bride (true Church) to come out of her. I have come to the

conclusion that those who remain, if they have not seen or received the light, will be dealt with according to 2 Tim. 2:19, "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His." It seems the confusion has increased in these last and perilous days, when seven (or more) women have taken hold of one man, to be called by his name, to take away their reproach. These are days when, as spoken in Daniel 12:7; ". . . When he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be fulfilled." When the servants told the householder they had found tares among the wheat, he said: "An enemy hath done this." This enemy is loosed for a little season and is doing all he can to discourage, quench the zeal and mar the vision of many who once rejoiced in the glorious Light of God's Church and Truth. He wants to "scatter the power of the holy people." Let us resist him steadfastly and draw near to God. He will draw near and help everyone who truly loves the Truth to have victory over the spirit of division and confusion.

I went to Guthrie in 1920 and was closely associated with dear Bro. Fred Pruitt and Sister Pruitt when the "Faith and Victory" was started. Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and Sister Frances were young school children then. I praise God that Bro. Pruitt's mantle has fallen upon these dear ones and they are faithfully fulfilling the charge entrusted to them by the dear Lord and their parents.

In the year 1926 I went to witness for my Savior to the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific. After I had been there a couple of years, our Government sent a Consul there. I went and registered with him. Of course, the question of what church I belonged to came up. I told him, The Church of God. He said he had never heard of it. He had to return to the States on business, and when he returned he told me he was somewhat confused. He said that in a certain town he saw a building with the inscription: The Church of God. He went in and told them of me down in the Islands. Of course, they had never heard of me. He said he went about ten blocks and saw another building with the inscription: The Original Church of God. Now, he said, I want to know to which of those you belong. My answer was that I belong to the Church that Jesus built.

Down through the years I have needed, and gladly received as blessings, chastening, correction and reproof and have been exercised in and through these experiences to help me grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus. In these last and perilous days, when it seems the coming of our dear Savior could be anytime now, my desire and exhortation is that we "walk in the light, as he is in the light" and the fellowship will be sweet and precious and we will be kept cleansed from all sin by the blood of Jesus.

—Robert Longley

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## EDITORIALS

At the dawn of this New Year of 1972 we extend Christian greetings and best wishes to all our readers who, with this issue, include several thousand who are receiving this full gospel paper for their first time and will also receive it for the months of February and March. If you are a new reader, it is likely that a kind friend of yours has subscribed for you for these three months with the hope and earnest prayer that the contents of these issues will prove a special spiritual benefit to you and your family. (These trial issues are coming to you without charge, and you will not receive a bill or statement.) Please read these copies carefully with an open heart and mind, and compare the teachings with the Bible. We hope that you will become a regular subscriber at the end of these trial issues.

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We thank the Lord and our readers for over 6,300 new names who will receive this issue of the paper, as well as the issues for the months of February and March. May God bless and reward everyone who had a part in this gospel extension effort. Pray that the Holy Spirit will carry the truth to the heart of every reader. There is transforming power in believing the gospel.

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This January issue (over 14,000 printed) will go in the mail near the beginning of the 65th Oklahoma annual 10-day Assembly meeting held here at Guthrie, Okla. on Dec. 24 to Jan. 2, 1972, inclusive. A large attendance from over the state is expected, in addition to many saints and ministers from other states. Best of all, we anticipate the mighty presence and power of God in showers of blessings for the saved and unsaved. You are cordially invited to attend every service of this meeting which will close on Sunday, Jan. 2.

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During the Thanksgiving week (Nov. 21 to 28), Wife, her sister, Maude Hornbeck, and this writer were permitted to attend the annual Assembly meeting on the General Southern campground at Hammond, La. While there, we enjoyed our stay and visit in the home of our son, Byron, and family who live near Hammond. As usual, the Lord met with His people on the old campground, and a feast was enjoyed at Father's table by the many saints present, which included a number of out-of-state and in-state ministers. At times the chapel was filled to capacity. The Holy Spirit anointed the preaching of His Word. Some souls were saved, and a number of saints testified to a definite touch of physical heal-

ing during the meeting. We were thankful to see how the Lord in answer to earnest prayer had wonderfully touched Bro. Dale and Sister Dora Doolittle, and we are yet praying that the Lord will give them complete deliverance, as well as all the other afflicted ones in that area.

Enroute home from a mission survey trip to Quito, Ecuador, Bro. Willie Murphey arrived at the meeting on its first day. He reported a safe and prosperous trip, and gave an account of the vast multitudes in that field who desperately need the full light of the gospel of Christ.

In attendance also at the Hammond meeting from the Guthrie congregation were Bro. and Sister Hyrum Ray and Jesse, Bro. James Huskey, and Bro. and Sister Lloyd Eck and family.

Going to and from the Hammond meeting, we enjoyed warm hospitality in the home of Bro. and Sister Lee Whitley, at Marshall, Texas, whom we have known more than 40 years. We trust the Lord has touched and healed Sister Whitley so they will be able to come to the Guthrie Assembly meeting.

This writer well remembers the first meeting he attended on the Hammond campground, which was 43 years ago, in the year of 1928, when Bro. C. E. Orr was the pastor. Over the intervening years we have attended many annual summer and autumn meetings on those grounds, and we have always enjoyed the Christian fellowship and gracious hospitality of the saints in the South. Many faces have gone and many new ones have come, but we are all going toward the setting of life's sun, then looking with bright anticipation for the dawn of that happy golden morning when we shall meet to part no more. The footsteps of the coming of the Lord are drawing very near, even at the door. Let us keep ready!

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News just recently came to us of the passing of Bro. Alvin B. Mizell on Oct. 1, 1971 near Poyner, Mo. at the age of 69 years. In recent years he lived in North Little Rock, Ark. and had worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad since 1920 until his retirement. Bro. Mizell was reared in the old-time truth of the Church of God and had a respect for those who stood for it. May the "God of all comfort" sustain his bereaved wife, children and relatives in their sorrow.

Many of our readers would like to know the dates of the Church of God campmeetings for 1972 so they can pre-arrange their vacations to attend these meetings. Those who have this information, please send in the campmeeting dates by Feb. 15, 1972, so we can publish the entire list in the March issue.

The Okla. State Campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, on May 26 to June 4, 1972. The date for the National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. is July 21 to 30, 1972.

#### Books Wanted . . .

Please contact this office if you have the following books for sale: "From the Manger to the Throne" by T. DeWitt; "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside," compiled by Speck and Riggle; "Beyond the Tomb" by H. M. Riggle; "Revelations Explained" by F. G. Smith. Describe condition and state price for each book. Thank you!

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the survivors of Sister Bonnie Wilson of Chehalis, Wash. who departed this life to be with the Lord on Nov. 29 at the age of 72 years. We met her and her husband at the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting last summer. She had been in ill health for some time. May the Lord comfort our dear Bro. N. G. Wilson, their son, Jim, and the entire family in their loss.

The World Council of Churches is opposed to Christ and His truth. One of their subversive activities is "preaching the gospel of social justice, using church power and funds to back insurrection in the United States and Africa," according to the Reader's Digest. Thinking people who value their soul's eternal welfare, and their civil and religious liberty should stop all support and sever all connections with this subversive organization.

As we cross the threshold of the new year of 1972, we face the unknown and untried future. Yet, in looking back upon the Ebenezer stone which we set up at the end of 1971, we can boldly declare, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and with courage and confidence in Him we can move forward to meet the unknown challenges and problems of the new year. We know not what the future holds, but thank God, we know who holds the future in His hand. If the Lord delays His coming and spares our lives, Jesus' Great Commission to His Church to carry the gospel to "every creature" is still a challenge to each of us. Even though the world will become more wicked each day, it is God's plan that every person should hear the gospel message. Then they will be without excuse. One of the best means is by the printed page—the "white-winged" gospel messenger—which can go to the nooks and corners of the earth where an individual may never set foot. Let us resolve by the grace of God in this new year to dedicate our lives more fully to spreading the soul-saving gospel of Christ by precept and example that when the Master returns, whether at morning, noon or night, He may find us at our post of duty.

—Lawrence Pruitt

## OBITUARIES



Floy Murtice Hurst was born in Tennessee on April 27, 1894, and departed this life on November 1, 1971 at the Sunset Guest Home in Pacoima, California at the age of 77 years, 6 months and 4 days.

She lived in Shawnee, Oklahoma with her mother for a time prior to 1948 when her mother died. Then she moved to California in 1948 and made her home in that state until the time of her death.

She was converted to Christ many years ago and was associated with the Church of God Evening Light Saints for 30 or more years. While in Shawnee, she worshipped with the Church of God congregation on South McKinley Street. When she came to California she worshipped with the Church of God congregation on Perlita Ave. in Los Angeles, and later on with the Church of God congregation on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California. She was in that congregation at the time of her death and will be much missed among the saints there, as she was always at service and never missed unless she was too sick to go.

She was a woman of strong religious convictions, and if any thing crossed her convictions she would not do it regardless of what it cost her. She was a woman of strong faith and was always easy to pray for. She said she always got healed when she was prayed for until this time. We conclude, then, that this was just God's time to take her home to Himself and we humbly submit to His will.

Funeral services were conducted in the chapel on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California on Wednesday, November 3, with A. E. Harmon and O. B. Wilson officiating. Then the body was flown to Shawnee, Oklahoma to be placed by the side of her mother in the Fairview Cemetery in that city. A graveside service was held there with Bro. Eddie Wilson officiating.

—O. B. Wilson

Minnie May (Vaughn) Welch, the daughter of John and Permella Vaughn, was born on July 27, 1880, in Howell County, Mo., and departed this life Nov. 22, 1971, at the age of 91 years, 3 months and 25 days.

She was united in marriage to William Reeves, and to this union three children were born. One daughter and her husband preceded her in death. In 1913 she was united in marriage to Bennie Welch, and to this union three daughters were born. Mr. Welch also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Hobert Reeves of Oberlin, Kansas; four daughters, Mrs. Ada Plaster and Mrs. Lois Cantrell of Mansfield, Mo., Mrs. Elva Hubbell of Seymour, Mo., and Mrs. Maxine Young of Marshfield, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, along with many friends she had made during her lifetime, who share the loss with the family of this wonderful mother and grandmother.

Sister Welch accepted this truth many years ago, and was faithful to the end.

Funeral services were conducted by Murphy Allen in Mansfield, Mo. Interment was at New Hope Cemetery. Scriptures used: Eccl. 3:2, Heb. 9:27, Hosea 10:12, Matt. 1:21.

—Murphy Allen

Isaac Deadwyler was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Deadwyler in Senit, Okla. on June 8, 1908, and departed this life November 7, 1971.

On October 14, 1941 he was married to Polly Walker. To this union one son and two daughters were born. His wife and son preceded him in death.

During his last illness he sought the Lord and confessed salvation from his sins. He received much encouragement from the ministrations of Bro. Roger Prince, of Oakland, Calif. congregation.

He leaves to mourn his passing: two sisters, Sister Monteyn Graham, Berkeley, Calif., and Sister Seretha Adkinson, San Bernardino, Calif.; two brothers, William Deadwyler, and Granville Deadwyler; two daughters, Mrs. Gloria Brown, Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Christine Williams, Oakland, Calif., two grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Lon Sipes, the eldest son of Noah and Bertha (Bush) Sipes, was born Dec. 5, 1885 at Forbes, Mo., and passed away Nov. 19, 1971 at Fairfax, Mo. at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 13 days.

He was united in holy matrimony on March 4, 1906 to Lucy Ellen Grimes in Oregon, Mo. The Lord blessed this union with three daughters and three sons.

He was a farmer, and most of his life was spent in Holt County, Mo. Bro. Lon heard Jesus knock at his heart's door in 1931 at a little country meeting, and bowing in humble submission at the foot of the cross, he was gloriously saved and made a member of the Church of God by virtue of the new birth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Lucy, and one daughter, Ruhama, who died in infancy.

Survivors include two brothers: James, of Maitland, Mo. and Earl of Homedale, Idaho; two daughters, Mrs. Leona Green, Mound City, Mo., and Mrs. Faye Carter of Bigelow, Mo.; three sons, Lester of Mound City, Mo., Lynn of Oregon, Mo., and Lyle of Sedalia, Mo.; eleven grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. James Broker at the Pettijohn Chapel in Oregon, Mo., Sunday (Nov. 21), and interment was in the Forest City, Mo., cemetery. Pallbearers were his grandsons.

Dora Emily Modglin, daughter of George and Mary (Karsh) Baumunk, was born April 18, 1899 at Arlington, Ohio, and departed this life on Oct. 19, 1971 at Sikeston, Mo. at the age of 72 years, six months and one day.

On August 12, 1916 she was united in marriage to William Albert Modglin at Chaffee, Mo., and to this union eleven children were born. She was preceded in death by one son, George Leslie, who was killed in the Korean War on Nov. 4, 1951, and her husband on Jan. 24, 1961.

On July 2, 1957 at an altar of prayer in a tent meeting held by Bro. Charles Smith and others at Chaffee, Mo. she made peace with the Lord. Her husband followed her in like manner the next night.

She leaves to mourn her passing ten children: Mrs. Eldon (Alice) Rhoades, Myrtle, Mo., Mrs. John (Thelma) Goodall, Wyatt, Mo., Mrs. Russell (Lorraine) Pollock, Mrs. Albert (Lucille) Halter, Chaffee, Mo., Mrs. Sherman (Gladys) Woods, Oswego, Kansas, Mrs. Elmer (Kathryn) Elfronk, Festus, Mo., Mrs. John (Dorothy) Prior, Grandview, Mo., Russell Modglin, Lee Summit, Mo., William Modglin and Alvie Modglin, both of Scott City, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Tom Eldridge, Scott City, Mo., thirty grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at Chaffee, Mo., with burial in Union Park Cemetery on October 23, 1971.

A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled;  
There is a vacant place in our home  
Which never can be filled.  
God in His wisdom has recalled  
The boon His love has given,  
And though the body slumbers here,  
The soul is safe in heaven.

Bro. James Parrish passed away Sept. 17, 1971 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 87 years, 7 months and seven days.

Bro. Parrish attended the Church of God in Fresno, Calif. for many years until his marriage to Jodie Allen on Sept. 5, 1969. He then moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

He was saved in the Church of God years ago, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bro. Parrish was loved by all.

He leaves to mourn his passing; his devoted wife, Jodie Parrish; six sons, Vonnice of Los Angeles, Calif., Felix of Lancaster, Calif., James Jr. of Stockton, Calif., Bobby Gene, Pawnee and Charles of Fresno, Calif.; one step-daughter, Tommie Mae Parrish of Fresno, Calif.; 32 grandchildren, 3 great granddaughters, a host of relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in Fresno, Calif. by Bro. Alvin Lucas and Bro. E. J. Trotter.

Minnie Mae White, daughter of William and Anna Ott, was born Sept. 4, 1904, at Guthrie, Okla. and departed this life on Dec. 4, 1971 at the age of 67 years and three months.

Sister Minnie lived in and around Guthrie all of her life and was married to Harry White, Aug. 19, 1923, and to this union five children were born.

She is survived by her husband, Harry, of the home, four daughters, Mrs. Marie Mitchell and Mrs. Virginia Mitchell, both of Jena, La., Mrs. Frances Deforth, Guthrie, Okla. and Mrs. Vera Rout of Crescent, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Mabel Writesman, both of Edmond, Okla.; eleven grandchildren, and one great grandchild, a host of other relatives and friends. One child preceded her in death.

Sister Minnie was saved in 1933 and has always embraced the truth. She went to church services faith-

fully, even when she knew others would be away at campmeeting which she was unable to attend. Even in her illness she mentioned many times that she wished she could be at meeting with the saints.

Her illness was long, but she stood by the Lord all the way, acknowledging that He was her only help and that He would see her through, and surely the Lord did do this for her.

The funeral service was conducted at the Smith Memorial Chapel on Dec. 6 by Bro. O. C. Porter and interment was in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Okla., to await the general resurrection.

#### Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in the illness and death of our dear Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. For the many prayers and interest shown, for the beautiful funeral service, floral offerings and food, we are deeply grateful. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

—The family of Sister Minnie White

(Editor's note: Sister Minnie White had been a faithful member of the Guthrie congregation all these years since she was "born again" in 1933. Her life was a witness to the truth by word and deed. She was faithful also to meet with the saints at the chapel on each Tuesday, prayer and fast day, to pray for the requests from near and far. We miss her greatly from our midst, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. She is at rest, just waiting over in the Glory world. . . . Her written testimony was not received in time to appear in the December issue, but just fifteen days after she dictated her testimony, the Lord released her from her suffering and she departed this life in the triumphs of a living faith. Following is her victorious testimony which she left for all to read.)

Okla. (Nov. 19)—Greetings to all the workers at Faith Publishing House and to all the saints everywhere: I want to thank the Lord for all He means to me and for grace to serve Him the past 38 years.

I want to thank each one for all their prayers in my behalf, since I have been so sorely afflicted. I have received many visits, cards, letters, phone calls and flowers, and each one is appreciated.

The Lord has not seen fit to heal me yet, but my trust is still in Him, and by God's help and grace I intend to trust Him, live or die. I miss being in meeting so much. I have been a shut-in for six months now, but I know in my heart that God will see me through no matter what may come in my life.

Enclosed is an offering for the Lord's work. Continue to pray for me. —Sister Minnie White

#### WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for another good meeting at Wichita, Kansas in October. The Lord provided visiting ministers from the second day through the remainder of the meeting. The Word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and cut as a two-edged sword sometimes and encouraged and uplifted at other times.

Sinners seemed to be less interested in getting saved, and only two sought for salvation. However, a number of the saints sought spiritual help at the altar, and the Lord was faithful to bless.

We were warned during the meeting that Communism is increasing and that wickedness in the United States



is abounding, thereby making our nation ripe for a fall because her cup of sin is getting full. May we as saints be more careful and prayerful—determined to press and dig, so we can be hid away in Christ and able to stand whatever God permits to befall our nation.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

## Report From The Field

Dear saints and fellow-labourers in the gospel: With sincere thanksgiving we greet you again in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we might live. "Oh, what a Saviour!" Praise the Lord! I am thankful for the privilege we have of working for the Lord, and how He so wonderfully "pays off" for the little things we do for Him. I love Him dearly!

We were thankful to attend the Wichita, Kansas, meeting this fall which was wonderfully anointed of the Lord. The singing and the Word of God was precious, and how our hearts did rejoice to hear the old-time truth preached in its fullness! Praise God! One night the Word went forth on the "Kingdom of God." A number of songs were sung on the kingdom of God while the Word was being preached. It was glorious. Praise the Lord! We surely thank the Lord for saving our soul, thus placing us in His kingdom.

Returning home for a few days, we left Oklahoma City, on Nov. 9th for Durham, N. C. where we were with the saints in meeting. The Lord's presence was with us to anoint His precious Word. Several souls were saved, and others among the saints obtained spiritual help. The attendance was good. Some of the saints from Spruce Pine, N. C. attended the services in Durham and invited us to come to Spruce Pine to be with the saints there. This was my first trip to Spruce Pine. The dear saints received us with a very warm welcome. Of course, that's just like the dear saints everywhere, thank the Lord! I'm so thankful to be in the precious family of God. We could be with the saints only two nights as our word was out to be in Florida for a meeting, but we sincerely enjoyed being with the dear saints there in Spruce Pine. It was wonderful how the dear Lord did bless us together. Praise the Lord!

After leaving Spruce Pine, we stopped to visit our grandson and family at Ft. Bragg. Leaving there, we arrived in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. on Friday, November 19th, which was the beginning date of the meeting. We shared part of the time with Bro. H. Hargrave and the saints at Goulds, Fla. The Lord wonderfully worked in the meetings in Florida. Several souls were saved, and there was quite a melting down among the saints. Surely this was wonderful to behold! Praise God! The Lord is blessing Sis. Savage's labors in Ft. Lauderdale. She needs our prayers.

We left on Monday, Nov. 29, arriving in Northport, Ala., on November 30. We were there a few days with the saints. On prayer meeting night two souls were saved. Praise the Lord! We were thankful to visit some of the "shut in" saints in Alabama and happy to find them encouraged in the Lord.

We arrived home (Oklahoma City) on Saturday p. m., Dec. 4th and went to Boley, Okla. on Sunday, Dec. 5th for all-day meeting. The Lord wonderfully blessed the services. A few sought the Lord for spiritual help. We were thankful for the visiting ministers and saints that came to be with us, and for the Word of God that

was precious to our souls. Praise the Lord! The singing was also especially good and anointed of the Lord.

We are in process of building a new chapel in Boley, Okla. We appreciate Bro. E. Burditt who is doing the carpenter work with others who are helping him. We desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will continue to supply means for completing the chapel.

I wish to thank all the saints for their prayers while on this mission tour. The Lord surely blessed us both soul and body. He gave unusual strength for the hundreds of miles we traveled. Praise the Lord! But most of all, we sincerely thank the Lord for the number of souls He saved. The majority of them were young people. I carry a burden for young people, especially the saints' children. Our hearts were made to rejoice as we saw these souls weep their way to the cross and saints seeking for deeper depths in the Lord! We give the Lord all the honor and praise. "Oh, what a mighty God we serve!"

I was very thankful to have the literature from the Lord's Printshop to hand out as we traveled, with a prayer in our heart the Lord would make it a blessing to precious souls. I thank the Lord for His Print Shop and for every one who is working in it. Only eternity will be able to tell its value. Praise the Lord!

I desire your continued prayers that I'll be faithful to the Lord.

Yours in His service,  
905 N. E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73104.

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## Prayer Requests



Ohio—"I need prayer. I am in a furnace ten times heated."

—Mrs. D. B. Hurt

Ky—"I have a nervous disorder. . . . Something bothers my right lung at times, but I do not cough."

—Mrs. F. Dunaway

Ill—"Pray for my right foot. It is all decayed away from my leg. Just the flesh is holding it."

—Wallace Lantrip

Mo—"My mother [Mrs. Mary Adams] fell and broke her right hip. She needs the prayers of the saints."

—Kay Dassenbach

Calif—"Pray for my loved ones."—Opal Williams

Ohio—Sis. Stamm is still "fighting the good fight of faith" against the affliction that the devil wants to bring back upon her. Let us pray with her for complete victory.

Mich—"I am partly paralyzed and am in a wheel chair. My limb has been broken three times. My right eye is nearly blind except that I can see light and dark. . . . I know all things are possible with God. I am His and He is mine. Please pray for me that I may continue to be able to read the Bible as my left eye is weak. . . . I am the Sis. Mills that is mentioned in the book, 'Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant' " (price, 45c)

—Sis. Edith Millsbaugh

S. Carolina—"I have a serious affliction. I know God will hear if we put our trust in Him."

—Bro. Eddie Driggers

Pray for a home that is broken up and the parents who need salvation. The wife is asking for prayer.

Calif—"I am badly afflicted with arthritis, and high blood pressure. . . . I thank all who pray for me."

—Sis. Lida Hoffman



Mo.—Pray for Bro. Egbert Allen who is sick with the flu and it has settled in his back.

Ark.—Dale Burgess requests prayer for his brother's salvation.

The Apostle Paul tells us that God wrought "his mighty power" in Christ "when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand." By doing this, we can know "what is the exceeding greatness of his [God's] power to us-ward who believe." We need to understand and be enlightened, through the spirit of wisdom and knowledge of God's power to "us-ward." The same power that was manifested in raising Jesus from the grave belongs to us on one condition, that is, if we believe. Faith is the channel that brings God's power to us. If we believe the witnesses that Jesus did arise from the grave by the mighty power of God, then we can believe that God's power will bring to us what we have need of. If we need healing, God through His power will give it to us if we believe. If we need problems worked out and victory over the enemy of our soul in various ways, we can have it if we believe. Faith is the key. He will manifest "his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" as He did in times past. Eph. 1:19, 20.

On the night of Nov. 14th, after lying down upon my bed, I had severe pains around my heart. I had not been well and had been having some pains before this time. I asked my husband to call our son, Vernon and wife for prayer and for them to call others of the family. The pains became very severe and my whole body shook from the shock of them. I did need a touch from the Lord, and prayer was all I thought about asking for. It never entered my mind to call for anything else. Some of the family called some of the saints for prayer as we were in a battle. It seemed I could not live. The Lord would relieve the severity of it at times, but we prayed again and again before I got relief. My breathing became short and at one time I felt a drawing upward from my whole body. It seemed I saw far off in the distance, up in the sky, as it was past the ceiling, something that seemed to me to be Jesus, yet I did not see a form. It was indescribable. The presence of Jesus was so near and sweet. It didn't make any difference to me if I lived or died. I was the Lord's. Jesus truly is the Lover of my soul and is so precious to me. It will be wonderful to see Him "face to face." Heaven holds all to me. But God saw different. He left me here for a purpose. My faith and confidence in my Lord and Saviour has increased.

The next morning I still had pains around my heart and I still wondered if the Lord might not take me even yet. Later that day I was anointed and prayed for and the Lord seemed to help me to know that He was going to let me live. From that time I began to take courage and amend. Bro. and Sis. Ira Stover stayed with me a couple days and encouraged me. The Lord blessed and healed me, and today (Dec. 14) I am here in the office again.

My sister, Mary Lola Embly, flew from California and helped me to keep quiet for a couple weeks. I did so appreciate her love and all of my precious family, and others. The saints were so precious to pray. I was overwhelmed by their love and I do want to thank each one who called long-distance, and took time to send me a get-well card. Also some came to see me and some sent flowers. May God reward each one is my prayer. I wanted to write each one of you individually, but it would be too large a task for me. Please let this be the answer to your letters, get-well cards

and love shown to me. It caused me to feel so humble and unworthy. I thought all of you cared, but now I know you do. Some asked for prayer and I had plenty of time to pray for you. I do trust God has blessed each one of you for your love to me. Pray that I will continue to be a servant of the Lord and be led daily by His Spirit. —Sis. Marie Miles

## Foreign Field Reports

### NATIVE MEXICAN MISSION REPORT

Valle de la Trinidad, Baja, Cfa., Mexico (Nov. 20)—Dear Brother: May the peace of my God fill your heart and give the grace that you need every day. Today with all humility, I give thanks to my God that He called me to be saved. For me it is a great pleasure to have this peace in my heart. I remember that Christ my Saviour had said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. Truly, brother, I give thanks for this peace that in Him we find. Today I have the victory over all the adverse works of the devil. We trust that you all are fortified with the power of God every day. Brother, the battle is hard, . . . but I can remember what the Apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ."

All here are encouraged in the battles, as we know that we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Rom. 8:37. Pray for us that we keep on going forward with the banner of truth raised high always. Pray much for the work here in Mexico, especially for the workers, as you know the battles are many, and we desire to be faithful to witness for the truth and holiness.

Please pray for the sick man that I told you about seeking the Lord. It looks like the devil still doesn't want to turn him loose. Please don't leave him out of your prayers.

You remember I also told about a drug addict getting saved and how he was testifying that the Lord cleaned up his life and he was wanting to serve the Lord for the rest of his life. Well, Martin gave his last testimony at the chapel the 24th of October and the next day, he went to be with the Lord at 27 years of age. His salvation was in answer to his father's prayers who himself lived a life of sin, drink and drugs until he was saved about a year ago. This father, Bro. Antonio, believes that a younger son will now give his heart to the Lord also.

Diama and the children send greetings to your family and all the brethren.

Brother, the battles are many, but the Lord will see us through.

I remain your Brother, smallest of all,

—Tomas Mendoza

### LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Baja Cfa., Mexico (Nov. 25)—Dear Brother: Greetings in the love of the Lord from Ejido Patzcuaro. We had services here last night in which the Lord greatly blessed us.

Sister Edith Cole's father and mother, brother Paul and sister Alice, are visiting here and seem to be very much encouraged in the Lord. Edith will leave today with her parents for Missouri and stay for awhile. The congregation and the young people here are encouraged, and will carry on with services.

Bro. Raul's son, Javier, is going back to La Mision with me and will help work on the foundation and floor of the new chapel. The brethren there want to help all they can.

We still haven't sold the big Dodge van. We need to trade for a pick-up or station wagon. I have now paid for the motor overhaul, and have enough left to buy cement for the floor of the chapel. All the brethren of La Mision are well encouraged. I have a special request for prayer for Bro. Juan Cruz and family.

Pray also for my wife, as she is still weak in her body.

It looks like the electric company will have the high-line and poles up to the house and the chapel lot in December. We still lack a meter base and wiring, but the Lord will provide. Having electricity will surely help cut expenses for lights and pumping water.

The ones of Patzcuaro send greetings. May God bless all of you.

Your Brother in Christ, —Miguel A. Gaspar

### Interior Mexico Mission Worker Needs Healing For His Children

Michoacan, Mexico (Nov. 24)—Dear Brother: We give thanks to God for all. We are having battles with afflictions. All of my children are sick. He never has left us and always has helped in our trials and tests. We are praying for you.

Salute all the brethren. —Irineo Rama

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Nov. 25)—Beloved Brother Pruitt: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus, the Everlasting Father and the Lord of Glory. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." (Psa. 68:19).

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated Nov. 5, 1971, and I have noted the enclosures with much gratitude. Thank you for the valuable tracts enclosed. . . .

Brother, through this letter I wish to inform you of a happy and an important news concerning myself. I am going to enter into marriage life with Sister Saranna Thomas, the second daughter of Bro. I. V. Thomas of Niranam. We shall unite in marriage on Dec. 30, 1971 at our Bethel Chapel in Karikkom. . . . Please let this matter be known to all brothers and sisters there, because I need everyone's prayer, which will be a real blessing, for us to lead a happy model life that is pleasing and acceptable unto God.

Our Karikkom convention also starts on the same date, Dec. 30. The wedding is in the day time and the convention starts in the evening, which will continue four days. As you know, both these functions are highly expensive and the convention, being the central meeting, requires different arrangements to accommodate the guests. I invite your valuable prayers for its spiritual richness, and also for the various physical needs. May God work in a few more youngsters to open their hearts for Jesus Christ this year also.

A letter from Bro. L. K. John, at Calicut, reached me recently describing the works there and pleading for a place of worship. We can only submit this matter before heaven. Bro. John's physical condition is getting better. I wish to hear from you about our church at Avoor.

We still pray for your complete healing. May the Lord who healeth all thy diseases, prosper and strengthen

you in both physique and spirit even unto the time of old age.

Please remember the Lord's work throughout India in your prayers always. Please extend my loving greetings to all the faithful labourers in the Print Shop.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

### LETTER FROM NIGERIAN PASTOR

Midwest Nigeria (Dec. 1)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, the Lord and King of glory: We received your letter dated November 5, 1971 and thank you for its contents and enclosures.

We have prayed for your physical healing and our God who has never failed us hitherto has done it—believe it! Trials are bound to arise, but the great "I AM" will take care of us regardless of conditions.

We are on the march to the Glory Land and very soon we shall see the Saviour face to face.

God willing, I shall leave Abbi on December 8 with a member of Abbi congregation for Asana to attend the annual convention holding there from Dec. 9-12, 1971. We are undertaking the journey not without financial difficulties. Pray for us for victory in the convention.

The annual Thanksgiving service of Abbi congregation will take place on Dec. 19, 1971. Pray with us that the occasion will be soul-saving and victory for the Church of God.

Yours to make Him known, —Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (Nov. 18) — Dear Brother Pruitt, co-workers in the Print Shop and saints abroad: We send greetings of Christian love and fellowship to you in our Saviour's name, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us on the cross at Calvary for our redemption. Praise Him forever!

Immense thanks for your kind letter of Nov. 5 and the contents. The "Faith and Victory" paper of November has brought us food to our souls. . . .

Thank you for the words of comfort to our 10th annual convention to be held Dec. 9-12, 1971. We do sympathize with you for your large responsibilities for God's cause, but we realize your reward is great in heaven.

Don't you think that if our Government would have granted a three-month's visa to Bro. Hammond, it would have been sufficient? We re-applied for him, and have received no answer from them at the moment. If they are still strict in their finding, we need to submit it to the Throne of Grace. We know your concern for us and the work.

We have today written Bro. Akpakpan to meet us and hope further proceeds will be communicated to you. Thank you for the reference, and we supplied him also four titles in Efik which we had translated.

Seventy-one members who eagerly desired getting Efik Bibles were served through the contribution you sent, and yet hundreds are not blessed with Bibles. Their understanding of the Word is our burden.

Another tract translation in Efik language is herein enclosed for printing. . . . Be praying for us as we do for you.

Yours in Him,

—Ben E. Udoka, Supt.

(Representatives from about 20 Church of God mission stations were scheduled to meet in their 10th annual convention on Dec. 9-12, 1971. We trust that the Lord blessed this gathering of mission workers with an outpouring of His Spirit and that it will result in spread-

ing the pure gospel light to every darkened corner of this African country of 60,000,000 people. —Editor)

## From The Mail Box . . .

N. Carolina—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers, greetings in the name of our living God.

I enjoy this little paper so much. Everybody needs it in their home. It is good gospel. May the good Lord bless you for this work for the lost world.

I am sending you \$1.00 for three more years' renewal on subscription. The other is for you to use in the Lord's work.

Yours in Christ, —Allen B. Henson

Illinois—Please take one dollar from this order, remittance, and offering to renew my subscription, as I don't know when it expires and I don't want to miss even one paper. I enjoy the "Faith and Victory," and thank God for the truth. Keep the precious truth going out to God's people and the lost world.

Your Brother in Christ, —Earl Sanders

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sis. Marie: I enjoy the paper very much and get much good from it. I haven't been well this fall and would ask the saints to pray for my complete healing. I am a diabetic and am now having some trouble with my heart. God has helped me much in the past, and I know His promises never change. There are so few around here that really believe in Divine healing. When they fail to trust God for their own bodies, it is hard to ask them to pray the prayer of faith for me, or at least I have found it to be so in my case. May God bless you as you labor for Him.

—Sis. Iva Brenner

Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May God bless you and the work at the publishing plant. I don't know whether you know it, but I am an oldster past 86 now.

God made it so clear to me in 1905 about the one and only Church of God. At the time I was a member of the Mennonite Church. I severed my connection with it, and came to Anderson in April, 1906, and helped to build the Trumpet Home and other work there. I was away part of 1907. Later, I was foreman in the Trumpet Home laundry. The dear Church of God reformation was going so good then, but alas. . . .

In His Service, —C. E. Schwartz

Mich.—Dear Sister Marie, all the saints there and everywhere: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I trust all is well with you in soul and body. This leaves me still saved, and encouraged more than ever before to press on. I love the Lord with all my heart, and to love Him is to serve Him.

I do thank Him for His many blessings and thank you for your prayers, and the book, "Rays of Hope," which I enjoyed reading very much. Please continue to pray for me and my family.

Enclosed is a dollar for the "Faith and Victory" paper, and use the other where needed. —Sis. L. Stewart

Ind.—Dear Sister Marie: I have been wanting for some time to send for the book, "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary," written by the wonderful saints of God, Riggle and Warner, which I feel so many need to read, as churches are letting too many worldly things come in. . . .

I will be 78 the 29th of December. I get such a comfort from these papers and books, as I live alone. I love the "Faith and Victory" paper very much and can hardly wait for it each month. When I first started going to the Church of God, it was in 1916, I believe, and oh, it was so much different than the so-called Church of God is now. But I believe the way we worshipped then and still love it.

With God's blessings to all, —Delores Dietrichson

Va.—Dear Brothers and Sisters at the Printshop: I am sending \$2.00 for two calendars, and to renew my subscription to "Faith and Victory."

I am 78 years old. God has been good to me and I love Him with all my heart. I got my first paper from a dear friend, Mrs. Bessie Faudree, who recently went to be with Jesus. I was sick and couldn't do anything for myself. I prayed to God to take me, but as I looked up I saw Jesus looking down at me, and the next day I began to get better. I told Sister Bessie about it, and she said Jesus was not ready for me yet. . . .

In Christian love, —Mrs. Margaret Callett

Georgia—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I desire your prayers for my family of 38. My ten children are in six states of the U. S. A.

I have been your subscriber for 37 years, and I enjoy reading the contents. . . . I am a widow and live alone. Truly, the Lord is my helper and keeper. He is everything to me.

Enclosed is a small love token. . . . Please pray for me and mine.

In holy love, —Mary M. Dorsey

## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Oregon—Greetings of Christian love to all in the wonderful name of our Lord, Saviour, Keeper and Healer. I want to testify to how He healed me recently, but before I do, I want to thank each one of you saints for your labor of prayer and faith, that you had for me. God heard and honored them, and answered. Praise the dear Lord! God is not dead, but much alive with His ears open to the cries of His children.

On Oct. 26th I awakened, sick with what I thought was the stomach flu. This was just before our Assembly meeting here at Jefferson, and some were at the church grounds cleaning up and getting things in order for the meeting. I was not able to help them, so I offered to get dinner for those working there. I kept getting worse and worse, but managed to get through with the dinner, but started vomiting, and had diarrhea. This kept up all night, and the next day. I discovered it wasn't the flu, but a blockage in the lower intestinal tract. It was not food waste, but a growth, which caused considerable pressure and this caused the vomiting, which lasted five days. The evening of the fourth day, I had a heart attack. It was then it looked like the Lord was going to take me Home. My children were all called home. The saints here showed their love and concern. They got under the burden of my afflictions, and got in earnest. They spent one whole morning service of the meeting on their knees in prayer, pleading with God to spare my life. God was entreated of them, and stopped the vomiting that evening about nine o'clock, which was a miracle. Naturally, the

blockage would have to be removed before the vomiting stopped, but it was thirty-six hours before God removed the blockage. The devil wouldn't give up yet. After the blockage was removed, a dysentery started in, which lasted four days, before we got the victory over that. The Lord stopped that, the same as He stopped the vomiting, checked the heart attack, and removed the blockage. Praise the dear Lord forever!

I was so weak, because I had very little nourishment for ten days, and I was numb for three days and nights. The Lord heard and answered prayer again, brought feeling back into my body, and I began to amend from then on, until now I am almost back to my normal strength. I can do my own house work now, cook, and wait on myself. What a mighty God we serve!

This has made me want to live as close to the dear Lord as I can, so I will be ready when He calls me Home, and so I'll be in a place to pray for some one else when needed. You pray for me.

—Sister Dolly Locker

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Kansas—Dear loved ones at the Lord's Printing office: It is with great joy and peace in the Lord that I write you, praising Him for His great love and mercy shown unto me and for the desire I have within to follow Him wherever He may direct. He alone is all and all to me. Though I am alone and isolated from the family of God, I never feel alone.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in part of the meeting at Wichita, Kans., in October, which was uplifting, encouraging to me to follow on with the Lord.

Do pray for me as I pray for each and everyone of His trusting children, and for the spreading of the gospel of Christ in these evil days. I have it settled to see Jesus for myself when life on earth is ended, for He has truly been good to me.

Enclosed you will find the dollar for the ten names, and the other is to be used as the Lord directs.

May He continue to bless your labor of love for fallen humanity, is my humble prayer.

Yours in the One Body, —Sister Mae Belle Jennings

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Ky.—Dear Workers at the Printshop. The sun is shining so beautifully today. It really makes a person thank God for all the blessings He bestows upon us. We should thank God not only for the sunshine, but also for all the good things that He gives us, for He is the Giver of all good and great things.

Life holds so much more for one that is saved, and living for God. We can't expect our lives to be free from disappointments or troubles just because we are Christians. But if we have God, we surely have One we can turn to in our times of troubles and sorrows. Where do people turn when they have troubles and they don't have God? Do they turn to their friends, doctor, lawyer, banker, or merchant? These are nice people to have as friends, but they are limited in what they can do for a person. Of course, they can supply material things and kind words, but we need so much more than these in our time of need. We can't buy friends, but God is our Friend, and He will do more for us than any friend on earth. So why should we forget to say, "Thank you, dear God, for the many blessings You bestow on us each day?" Remember the lepers. How many said, "Thank You, Lord?"

Did you ever stop to think how close you are to Home? I am not suggesting our home here on earth, but our Heavenly Home is what I am thinking about

in these fleeting moments. You are just one heart beat away from God, just one breath that you can't take, just one moment, one fleeting moment. Hold your breath for just a few seconds, then imagine that you can't get your breath. How far are you from eternity then? Just one breath away from God.

I believe if we would just stop and think on this for a few moments, we would change our ways, our thoughts, our clothes, our habits, even our vocabulary. Yes, we would clean out this old shell that we are carrying our spirit around in, for after all our soul is all that is going to heaven. Did you ever think of it that way? Our fleshly lusts, appetites, and our ways, aren't going with us. Yes, we are only going to heaven in our spiritual body, not in our earthly flesh.

Dear reader, make heaven your goal, and work, fight the fight of faith, beg, plead, if that is what it takes, to reach that goal. No price is too great to pay if you can make it to heaven. Nothing here on earth is worth causing you to lose your soul and forever burn in that lake of fire, is it? Think on this, dear reader.

I am traveling on that highway to heaven, and I am not stopping on any side roads to see what worldly things are at the end of them. I am keeping heaven as my goal, and pray that I make it.

Some Christians are like lightning bugs, just flicker now and then. Dear Lord, let me see to it that my light shines so that it may give a lonely sinner a better view of heaven, and cause some one to want to follow Jesus.

Keep up the good work that you all are doing, and may God richly bless you all for your work for Him here on earth.

I remain a constant reader and supporter,

—Wilma Horsley

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Okla.—To the dear ones at the Print Shop and everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name, the One who cares for us all. I am thanking the dear Lord for this mercy to our family. My son, Sammy, who is only 27 years old, has been near death. He had over half his colon removed and a cancer as large as a baseball. He is back home now feeling much better. God has permitted him to stay with us. We are very thankful for God's mercy. He said he had repented and intends to live for the Lord.

We thank you, one and all, for your prayers, and all who helped otherwise—the flowers and donations.

Please remember Sammy and the rest of our family that we all will draw close to God. We surely appreciate the "Faith and Victory." It is such an encouragement.

Do remember my niece and two nephews who lost their mother.

—Sis. Leonard Roberts

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: God has really been good to me and I want to tell others what He has done.

I really have been feeling well recently. God has shown His love and power to me again by healing my body of epilepsy. In the past two weeks, I have blacked out only one time. I have gone 12 days straight without blacking out. Thank God, I've really been resting well at night, too.

When I first came to the Home, I blacked out as often as 13 times a day. My nerves disturbed me so much that I couldn't read or concentrate on anything. After throwing my medicine away early in 1970, I went through a test of faith, and by looking up to God and "praising the Lord anyhow," I gained victory over

the affliction. It is really wonderful what God can and will do if we love, trust and obey Him. Romans 8:28 has been proved true to me and I want to work for God in any way He wants me to, to show thankfulness for all He has done for me. Please pray for me, asking God to do what He wants with my life in His service.

I want to thank you for the good gospel paper, "Faith and Victory," and the tracts you send to me. I really do appreciate them. I also pray for all the saints every day. May God bless all of you, is my prayer.

—Bro. Jerome Park

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie and Bro. Lawrence, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: He surely is my Keeper. I'll soon be 80 years old if the dear Lord permits, and truly I can say I love Him more and more.

I love the saints. I ask the Lord to continue to bless you co-workers at the printshop.

Please pray for me. I can't hear very well. Also, my eyes are getting dim, but I am encouraged to go on up the King's highway at any cost.

Accept this small donation to use where it's needed most.

Yours in the Lord,

—Hattie Burnett

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, and all the dear ones at the Printshop: Greetings this beautiful morning in the sweetest Name I have ever known. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He has healed me again. I had an awful pain in my knee. I could hardly raise my foot to walk for 2½ days. Then on the 8th of Nov., He healed me and the pain is all gone. Bless His holy name forever! It is most precious just to trust Him and rest.

Please find a check enclosed for the gospel work. I do continue to pray for Bro. Pruitt and each one there. Please do remember me.

Trusting,

—Sister N. E. Adams

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California—Dear Sister Marie and saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of Jesus. Today finds me saved to all I know and understand to please the Lord. He is so good to me. At times it seems like my physical strength gets low, but very soon He comes to my aid.

Over eight years ago, my husband had a stroke but the Lord has blessed me richly. I have been able to get many precious lessons to help me on in this life and in the world to come. Pray for me that I will be faithful until the end.

Yours in the One Body,

—Katie Gaines

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and staff: Grace be to you, and peace from God, our Father, and from Jesus Christ. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a holy New Year.

We are praising God for living in purity as He demands. That is my daily prayer to God for each saint that he will be found walking in holiness with God where the world can see the newness of life lived by His people, so men can find out how to live their lives. Most people do not read their Bible, but they read daily how each Christian is living his life for God.

I pray for God to put His healing arm over your body and bless you through the New Year.

I am sending you the money for three years' renewal of the wonderful "Faith and Victory" paper. Keep the rest as an offering.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Sam Nusz

Calif.—Dear saints at the Print Shop: I love to read the monthly paper and the Bible Lessons. I am happy in the Lord. He is my strength and my hiding place. He shields me and keeps me in His care. I love Him. I am so glad He saved me from sin and sinning. He bought me with a great price. It is so sweet to read His Word.

My husband, John McNair, passed away on August 13, 1971 at the age of 78 years, and I am left alone, yet not alone, as Jesus is ever with me.

I mean to live a sanctified holy life in this world until He calls me Home. Pray for me.

I remain your Sister, past the age of 88 years,

—Elizabeth McNair

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Mich.—Dear Sis. Marie and co-workers: We truly thank God for salvation, and for healing my body. We are trusting Him for our every need. We are so thankful He brought our soul from an horrible pit, and set our feet on the solid Rock, Christ Jesus.

We had an added blessing this week. Our son, Jerry, came to the Lord, and has a good experience. Also, his wife got sweetly saved. We have so much to thank the Lord for.

We ask all the saints to remember Jerry, as he has a bad infection in his right hand. He is trusting God for his healing.

We are completely surrendered for God to have His way. We desire to have all the saints to pray that we will remain dead to self and only God be seen. At times we have met with sore trials along this line, but praise God, nothing is too big for our Lord. Please remember all our loved ones who are not in the ark of safety. We believe God is moving here.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Aneita Corteway

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Kansas—Dear ones in Christ, greetings in Jesus' precious name: This leaves us rejoicing after another precious meeting here in Wichita. Few seem to want salvation anymore, not even our own children who once were saved and had a love for the truth and feared God. Now Satan has filled their hearts with the pleasures of sin. They harden their hearts and fail to realize that it is the enemy that is causing them to want their "own way." They put God off for another day. This grieves and saddens our hearts, but we must still pray for them. They must make their own choice.

We are thankful for how God blessed us when we were going to Colorado Springs. We left Wichita and drove about 175 miles, then had car trouble. It was about 9:00 p. m. when we stopped at a service station. The Lord blessed and the trouble wasn't serious. After driving four hours, we stopped for gas. As I went to pay for it, I couldn't find my purse. I remembered that I had it last in the ladies' room back where we had car trouble. I had been in the back sleeping and had not missed it. The time was now 1:00 a. m. We learned that it was 188 miles back, and of course, the purse could have been long gone. I asked my son what we should do. He answered sadly, "Let's go on back home." He wanted this trip, and I felt so bad to think I had ruined it. As we started back, I was praying, trusting, asking God to protect the purse, for I just wanted to go pick it up and continue on to Colorado.

As I drove on, the others were all asleep. I wondered why I had to leave it so far back. God helped me to know that it didn't matter how far back it was, He could take care of it, and that if I had left it at one of the closer stations, it would not have been there

when we returned. My heart said, "Amen." He also let me know He would give me strength to drive and keep me awake.

We arrived at 4:00 a. m. The attendant came at 7:30, opened the ladies' room and gave me my purse. It was as safe as it would have been at home. We continued on to Colorado Springs and God took care of us.

Some say I was surely lucky, but I feel it was a rich blessing from God Himself. I did praise God and am still praising Him today for His many blessings to me.

Find a check enclosed to help where needed most. Do pray for me that I prove worthy of these rich blessings.

Yours in His Name, —Sis. Sonya M. House

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Okla.—Dear saints: I will write while sitting here in the car waiting for my husband to attend to some urgent business. He had a twenty-five dollar ticket for not having the inspection sticker on his truck while driving. While he was gone, I prayed that it may not be that much. In a few minutes he was back and told me he had to pay just \$15.00. I told my husband that I had been praying for that. The Lord is so good to me every day.

The good Lord has touched my body and healed me of several things recently. First, I had a rash on my body and arms. It itched terribly. I prayed that it would be healed. The Lord healed me instantly when I thought to ask Him. I'm reminded of the song, "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

Then I had a kidney condition which could have been serious. I called some of the saints. We all agreed in prayer for me. I was able to keep going. By the end of the day I was healed. This was by faith and not by sight. Saints, let us have more faith in God. We're serving a mighty God. He's not a little God, so let's trust Him.

The Lord also came to my rescue when I had gas so bad I could not lie down and go to sleep. The Lord came to my rescue, and I went to sleep and slept real well for several hours. He also came to my rescue when I awoke one night with real bad cramps in my limbs. They were so severe I couldn't move for awhile, but I kept praying for the Lord to have mercy. When I finally got to the phone, I asked one of the dear saints to pray with me. The misery was not nearly so severe then. Finally all of it left, leaving me feeling just as good as ever. What a mighty God we serve!

Pray for me that I will let my light shine and will be faithful until the Lord comes to call His faithful Home. With Christian love, —Vera Mae Hawkins

## Victorious Living

"I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me."

This is a song of faith. In reality every song is a song of faith. Faith is the basis of happiness. It is the inspiration of song. Faith is central and vital. Christian faith is what makes the Christian life so joyous. There are many who call themselves Christians who are not joyous. That is because

they do not have an active faith. Paul was radiantly joyful solely because he was a man of deep and settled faith and had the assurance that comes from such a faith. Again we quote his words, "The life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God."

To Paul, Christ was real. His relations with Him were real. On that stormy sea journey that ended in shipwreck Paul could say to those in danger with him that all would be well, that not a life would be lost. He could speak confidently because the angel of the Lord had stood by him and had given him the assurance of faith.

God promised, "My presence shall go with thee." That promise has been a comfort and consolation to God's people for three thousand years. We need to cultivate a sense of God's presence. He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." His presence with us is real whether or not we can realize its reality in our imagination. It is a fact, not a thing of fancy. We have only to sense the fact and treat it as a fact. We may say that God is everywhere. True, but it is not His presence everywhere that counts for us; it is only that part of everywhere where we are. God is just as real in that little part of everywhere where you and I now are as He is in heaven on His throne. It is His presence where we are that really counts for us. Therefore it is the sense of the reality of His presence with us that makes Him real to us.

The Psalmist said, "Thou art with me." To be able to say this means much. First of all, it means safety. The story of how one of God's children came to realize her safety in the abiding presence of God is told by Mrs. Pearsall Smith: "I was attending a prayer meeting when a poor woman rose to speak and I looked at her wondering what she could say, little thinking she was to bring a message to my soul. She said she had great difficulty in living the life of faith on account of the second causes that seem to control nearly everything that concerned her. Her perplexity became so great that she began to ask God whether He was in everything or not.

"After praying for a few days she had what she described as a vision. She thought she was in a perfectly dark place and that there advanced toward her from a distance a body of light which gradually surrounded and enveloped her and everything about her. As it approached a voice seemed to say, 'This is the presence of God.' While surrounded with this presence, all the great and awful things of life seemed to pass before her—fighting armies, wicked men, raging beasts, storms and pestilences, sin, and suffering of every kind.

"She shrank back at first in terror but she soon saw that the presence of God so surrounded and enveloped each one of these that not a lion could reach out his paw, nor a bullet fly through the air, except as His presence moved out of the way to permit it; and she saw that let there be ever so thin a sheet, as it were, of this glorious presence between herself and

the most terrible violence not a hair of her head would be ruffled, nor anything touch her, unless the Presence divided to let the evil through. It was so also with the small and annoying things of life. Her difficulty vanished. Her question was answered forever. God was in everything and the angel and His presence saved her."

We shall not all have such experiences to cause us to realize the presence of God and our safety therein. God has other ways of bringing this about. We may greatly help by continually assuring ourselves that God is with us. If we should say to ourselves in our times of difficulty or danger, "God is with me; I am safe," we could presently come to feel safe no matter what the circumstances. If we should repeat over and over to ourselves in our times of need, "God is with me; God will help me," it would come to be a reality with us. It is real whether or not we realize it, but it profits us in our consciousness only when we realize it.

We need the sense of God most when we need His help and sustaining grace. It is in the times of storm that we appreciate shelter. So we need to realize the sheltering presence of God in life's storms. We can do much toward cultivating a state of mind that recognizes God's presence in our darkest times. We must not wait for the dark times to begin this development. We should develop it under favorable circumstances, then bring the consciousness of God's presence into the unfavorable time until it becomes as real in the unfavorable time as in the more favorable time.

The sense of God's presence sometimes comes from our emotions. This is only in the favorable seasons. In the unfavorable seasons it can come to us only through faith. Therefore, the need of cultivating a sense of His presence through our faith. Our faith will be tested with respect to this as with other things. The more faith is tested and tried when it meets and endures, the more it grows.

We need to learn to use our faith. We should form the habit of daily accomplishing something by our faith. We should pray every day the prayer of faith for some definite thing. We cannot do this if we scatter our prayers too much. We cannot concentrate faith on many things at one time. We can have a general faith that takes in all our needs and this we can exercise daily, but we need a particular exercise of faith to receive particular things, particular help, and particular grace. We should pray for many things, but there are some things on which we should specialize. We should make them a special object of prayer. We should choose something that we feel to be the will of God for us. Then we should pray for that thing until it is granted, until faith grasps its object and makes it a reality. We often stop praying too soon.

When we pray for many things and do not exercise definite faith for definite answers, we weaken rather than strengthen our faith. It tends to make our faith ineffective. We should use faith not only

in prayer but in both the little things and in the greater things of life. There are many opportunities every day to exercise faith. Little acts of faith build character, and bring success and happiness. It is by the exercise of definite faith, or acting out faith in our lives and holding the attitude of faith, that develops faith and prepares us for the difficulties that may come.

Every exercise of faith prepares us the more easily to exercise it next time. Every recognition of the working power of faith in our lives and the things accomplished by it makes us more capable of using faith. The use of faith in this way in the little things of life gives us a sense of God's partnership with us, of His continuous help. Do we realize His willingness to give that help and do we act upon such a realization? It has been said that God helps those that help themselves, but I think God loves best to help those who cannot help themselves. I think that those who are faint and weak with the toils of life and those whose courage falters may more than any others have cause to believe that God will help them. God is not looking for opportunities to help those who need no help. His help is for those who stand in need of it and who must have it. To such it is freely given when they trust Him.

James said we should show our faith by our works. If we believe in God, we ought to act like it. "He thinks he believes it, but he doesn't," said a woman of a man who had been professing his faith in the gospel. "If he really thought he had a friend like that, rich enough and strong enough to help him in every trouble and willing to do it, too, somebody that is sending him blessings all the while he is here and getting a beautiful home prepared for him to use afterward—do you suppose he would go about so gloomy and discouraged-like all the time?" Assuredly not. When we really believe a thing, our conduct is in harmony with our belief. So, if we really believe God's promises, we shall be joyful Christians. —C. W. Naylor

## TESTIMONY AND WARNING

I am praising Jesus today for saving my soul and everyone else that He has saved. He has healed me so many times, and He is so good to us.

I love the Church of God, the Kingdom of God, the family of God, the spiritual Body of Christ which includes all the saints. I am so thankful that Jesus saw fit to make me a part of His dear Body, the Bride of Christ.

Oh, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us all read the Bible, watch and pray, and draw very near to Him that we will be ready when He comes for us. Surely it won't be very long until He comes and we will meet Him in the air to ever be with Him. Praise the name of Jesus!

Sinner friend, won't you please fall down on your knees, repent of your sins, and forsake them?



Call on Jesus, yield yourself to Him, and get ready to meet Him. He will save you to the uttermost.

Christian friend, if you are in some man-made church or religious institution and you hear Jesus' voice calling you to come out, do obey Him. Come out from the world and unbelievers. Be separate from them, and stand with God's true people. Be a part of that holy body where Christ is now reigning as Lord of lords and King of kings in our hearts and lives. Christ is not coming back for two or three brides—just one.

My prayer is that we will all look up and yield ourselves unto Christ. The Bible tells us that if we are ashamed of Him in this sinful and adulterous generation, He will also be ashamed of us in the day of His coming. —Sister Pearlene Whitson

## Freed From Sin

"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Rom. 6:6-12.

Here is the glorious privilege set forth of being freed from sin. It is not just a mere doctrine, but a divine declaration of liberty to men who desire freedom from condemnation and the wrath of God. It is not an experience that we boastfully set forth as our own accomplishment, but a reverent and earnest persuasion of the power and grace that is brought to us through the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.

Notice in the reading of this that it all was made possible through the death of Jesus. Christ died to produce power for us also to die—die to sin. "Our old man is crucified with him." The old life of folly and transgression is crucified, put to death. It is drowned in the depths of the sea, forgotten by God and forever abandoned by us. "That the body of sin might be destroyed." The body, or substance, of sin is destroyed. This means that we need no longer to live in the habits and practices of sin. Now this is the privilege and liberty that the gospel offers to us. Whether we know and actually experience it or not, it still remains true and faithfully declared as our privilege. It can be ours by the grace of God if we but desire it earnestly and seek God for its blessed fulfillment in our life with all our heart.

"He that is dead is freed from sin." We find from the beginning that death was the penalty for sin and transgression of God's commandment. First, came spiritual death—spiritual separation from God

and His holy presence; then later because of being deprived of access to the tree of life came natural death. For redemption to be secured, both deaths must be destroyed. When a person suffers the punishment for a crime and bears the full sentence demanded by the law, then that person can be set free. The purpose of the penalty is not only to even the score on the offender, but also it is to correct and discipline him for an amending of life. Now if man bore the penalty for sin alone and would die for his transgressions, he would be lost forever, for death would enclose him and the grave would bar all hope for his recovery to begin again. This would have been the case if One over whom death had no power and dominion would not have intervened. But thanks be unto God, there was such a One. Christ Jesus took our place and bore our punishment.

Can we not behold that this was the great goodness and mercy of our God for this to be? Christ, being pure and sinless, could take upon Himself our offences and die in our stead. But He could not be holden by the jaws of Death. He triumphed over death and came forth alive that blessed third morning. What does it mean to us? It means just what the writer here in Romans is trying to show us. Once Christ suffered the penalty for sin and is free from further punishment. "Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more!" Praise the Lord! Having conquered and destroyed the nature and principle of sin, He lives with no sentence or danger of death hanging over Him. "Death hath no more dominion over him." "For in that he died, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God." The life that Christ lives now is unto His Father, not unto sin.

This was all carried out (can you not see?) that we in this present world can die to sin and live also to God. "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin," and "let not sin reign in your mortal bodies." Who but the darkened soul, blinded by the god of this world, can deny this wonderful truth?

This is a day of jubilee for the soul of man. To be set free from lust, greed, hatred, jealousy, strife, murder, deceit, darkness, remorse, guilt, condemnation, unbelief, sinful habits, and the like, —all of which binds the soul of man to this present world and confines his joys and hopes to things temporal—I say to be set free from all these things is the great jubilee of deliverance! Remember this: You may live in sin, but you do not have to live in sin.

One more blessed Scripture in closing: "Who [Christ Jesus] his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Dear soul on life's mortal sojourn, are you saved and free from sin? If not, flee to the Saviour and seek His grace and salvation with all your heart. Victory and deliverance from sin can be your rejoicing for all time and eternity. —Leslie Busbee

"Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines." Songs of Solomon 2:15.