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### All Praise To Christ

All glory, praise, and honour be  
To Him Who died on Calv'ry's tree:  
The same Who in the manger lay,  
Whose cradle was a bed of hay,

Born in this world of sin and woe,  
Obscure of state, despised and low,  
Yet in the blood that filled His veins  
Vile sinners lose their crimson stains.

Lo! Shines a Light in Bethlehem  
Unseen by carnal grossness dim:  
A Light of joy, a pledge of love—  
His sacred mission from above:

To come to earth's dark weary tread,  
And take on mortal's guilty stead;  
To bear their sin and vile disgrace,  
To lift them up to Heavenly place.

Stay not beside the manger drear',  
Oh, walk His path of hope and cheer;  
Pursue it on, then stop and see  
Him dying on the cursed tree.

But do not tarry here for long—  
Hark! comes the strains of sweetest song:  
For from the dismal tomb we see  
Him rising up with victory,

Ascending to the Lord's right Hand  
With heav'n and earth at His command,  
A Saviour, King forever more  
To all who worship and adore.

All glory, praise to Christ we bring,  
While hymns of joy we ever sing;  
Our lips shall speak His matchless worth,  
And witness of His heavenly birth

Until someday on Heaven's shore,  
Where sorrow, pain will be no more,  
With eyes immortal we shall see  
The One who shed His blood so free.

—Leslie Busbee

### The Meaning of Christmas

No doubt, there will be thousands of Christmas and New Year greeting cards sent out from many cities, hamlets and towns. They are meant to bring joy and happiness to those who receive them. But what is Christmas, and what does it mean to you?

The 25th day of December is generally observed by the Christian nations as the birthday of Jesus Christ. While no certain or definite knowledge is had, or exists, of the birthday of Christ, the encyclopedia informs us that the 25th day of December was advocated by Julius (bishop of Rome from 337 to 352) as the most suitable time to commemorate the birth of Christ. The date of His birth is not of so much importance to us as the fact that He was born. The Holy Scriptures do not inform us of the date of Christ's birth, but they do tell us of His birth, and the manner and purpose of the same.

The angels sang on that glorious night, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." When His birth was announced to the shepherds, the angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10, 11. In Matt. 1:21 we read, "And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Christmas is a time of joy and gladness. It should be a time of real joy and sincere devotion to God for His wonderful Gift to mankind, but sad to say, thousands, yea, millions, spend the time in revelry and sin, in shame and disgrace, in drinking and carousing. But we as the sons and daughters of God are thankful to know that when one is born again from above and washed in Christ's blood, He gives a new vision of life, a new purpose, a bright hope, and a spirit of true devotion to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We honor and adore Him, whose name is exalted above all names. Glory to Him now and forever! Amen! —Ulysses Phillips

## "Carest Thou Not"



The ship was tossing as the waves were rolling high. The water was filling the ship. The disciples became alarmed because of the great storm of wind. They felt there was nothing else but for them to perish, as the "ship was now full" of water. All of a sudden they thought about Jesus. They must have forgotten about Him because of the intensity of the storm. They found Him in the "hinder part of the ship asleep on a pillow." No doubt, they thought about His great power, and that He had help for them, but there He was asleep. He couldn't help them. And how could He sleep when they were in so much danger? Doesn't He love us? Such a thought gripped their very souls. They cried out, "Master, carest thou not?" Carest thou not for us anymore? We are in danger and don't you care? We are in trouble. Don't you know that the storm is raging and the ship is full of water? Don't you care if we are in distress? Don't you care if we suffer? "Carest thou not?" We are about to perish. Did Jesus care? Oh, yes, He cared. He arose immediately and rebuked the wind, saying, "Peace, be still . . . , and there was a great calm." Oh, praise His precious Name! He did care. Then Jesus questioned the disciples' faith. "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:35-40)

Dear troubled child of God, you who are being tossed about in the storms of life, Jesus does care. It might be that a son or a daughter has chosen the paths of sin, and as you stand by watching them drift farther and farther away from God, and see the devil wrap the cords of sin tighter and tighter around them, your heart is broken. You pray and you pray. You plead and plead for God to stop them on their downward road. Your heart is heavy and you look up and say, "Don't you care, precious Lord, that your child suffers so much?" As you wait before the Lord, the sweet, comforting Spirit of God comes upon you and whispers so softly, "My grace is sufficient for thee." (2 Cor. 12:9) "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" "I love your child more than you love him. I died on the cross for his salvation. Place him in my hands and pray with faith."

Has your heart been deeply wounded by friends or maybe loved ones who have betrayed your confidence and love? Have they turned their back upon you and cast you aside? Has the hand of death taken a dear one and your life seems void and empty and you do not know which way to turn or go? The adjustment to these tragedies that touch your life brings suffering and many times confusion of mind. When they press sore upon you, do you look up and say, "Master, carest thou not?" Oh, yes, He cares. Have faith in God! He wants to speak to your soul. He wants to rebuke the confusion, the loneliness, the disappointment, the emptiness, and speak to your soul, "Peace, be still." Oh, if you will let Him, and again I say, Let the sweet peace of God flow into your heart, mind, and soul, and there will be a stillness that gives power to heal all the wounds and heartaches. "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

Have you battled an affliction for a long time? You have prayed and prayed. You have done all you know to

do. Yet it lingers on. You look up and say, "Master, carest thou not?" Oh, yes, He cares. He is a God of all wisdom. He never makes one mistake. He never lets us have a tear too many nor a sigh too much. It's all for a purpose. "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" Trust and wait with faith. Listen to His promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Praise His Name! We can suffer if we know He cares. He wants us to put our care upon Him. "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7. Cast means to put it away from you. So put all of your cares upon Jesus and be assured deep down in your very soul that "He careth for you."

Trust the Man who died for you. If you can't trust Him, whom can you trust? God's plan for us is not to lift us out of the plane of the commonplace trial, but it is through these very things that faith is perfected, and that God loves to interweave the golden threads of His love into our every-day experiences. We must learn to trust God's wisdom as well as His power.

Mothers, who are close to God, know that the future course of our country will not bring religious freedom to their little ones as they grow older. Pressures are at work to destroy faith in God. Communistic forces, which are anti-God, are closing in. If mothers would allow their thoughts to dwell upon these things, it would bring depression and tears, but God has taught us to "gird up the loins of our mind." Bring in our thoughts and look up to Jesus. He does care about your little ones and their future. He loves them more than you do. Can't you trust them into God's hands? Instill trust in God into their minds, and train them to face these forces while they are young and in your care. God will help you. He cares! Can't you have the faith that Christian mothers in the past have had when they watched their young men go off to war, knowing the dangers that were ahead of them? My mother-in-law, Sis. Lycenia Miles, was a woman of faith. She prayed daily for her three sons who were in World War Two. One son was in a battle on the high seas. Their ship was struck. Mother's prayers reached up to God and He saw her injured son floating on the oily water. God talked to his soul and he cried out to God. He promised God that if He would spare his life that he would live for Him, because he knew that if that oil on the water caught on fire, his life would be over. God did spare his life and later, when he was out of the Navy, he did get saved. Her other two sons also came home from the war. Jesus did care. Surely that mother's prayers today are following those two sons who were spared. So, mothers, God loves your children. Pray and trust their future to God.

My nephew was in Vietnam. Prayers went up for him. His plane was shot. After he parachuted out, the burning plane fell on one side of a small hill and he landed on the other side. Surely, God was looking down. His life was spared. Jesus does care.

Night after night, I sat by the bedside of my son. He had been stricken with typhoid fever. We were trusting God and praying continually, but he kept going down, and soon we knew that unless God healed, he would be gone. In my distress one night, I looked up to God, as he lay there in a coma. I read Psalms 123, "Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold,

as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us."

My heart was breaking and my groans were coming from the depths of my soul for my son's healing. God heard, and from that time he began to amend. Jesus does care! Yes, He cares for you, so trust Him for all things. —Sis. A. Marie Miles

## The Title of Christians

True believers in Christ are by practice in spirit, in truth, and in fact just what people were in the early Church of New Testament times. They are Christians, and members of the Lord's church. Christ's disciples were first called Christians at Antioch because they lived like Christ (Acts 11:26). If the Apostle Paul were here today and someone would ask him if he were a Protestant, he would not understand the question. Paul never claimed to be a Protestant. He refers to himself in I Corinthians 4:1 as a "minister of Christ", and that is a follower of Christ—a Christian. He sought to persuade King Agrippa to be a Christian, nothing more. (Acts 26:28,29)

The Church of God cannot be called Protestant in the ordinary sense of the word, because the Catholic Church did not exist in early New Testament times. Neither then, nor now is the church a party, built around a powerful human personality, or built upon one passage of Scripture to the neglect of others. The Church of God is not a church among churches, but it is the church.

We believe in restoring New Testament Christianity, speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is silent unless there is a principle of truth which covers the matter. We believe in calling a Bible thing by Bible names and insist on having a "thus saith the Lord" for all we do, or a Bible principle to cover the subject. Being neither Catholics, Protestants, nor Jews, we are Christians only.

A person can be a Christian and not be a Catholic! Even the Catholics will admit that he can be. A person can be a Christian and not be a Protestant, though a true Christian does protest the false teachings of Catholicism.

Is it possible to be a follower of God and not be a Jew? The Jews today will say, "Yes." Then, why not be just a Christian, not bound by human tradition, not enslaved by human religious teachings, nor tied to any sect or party fostered by schismatic spirits? Be loyal to Christ. Study the Bible and see Christ as He is. Obey His commandments.

Let us notice these scriptures:

1 "Without faith it is impossible to please him." (Heb. 11:6)

2 "God . . . commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30)

3 ". . . thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus." (Rom. 10:9)

4 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)

5 "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38)

Why not be just a "Christian," and neither Roman Catholic, Protestant, nor Jew? Worship God according to His Word. —Norman Simpson

## A Blessed Poverty

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9. Such love is more than human. It is divine. "Jesus . . . for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." Heb. 12:2. The Son of the Most High becomes the son of a poor peasant girl. The King of glory becomes a carpenter's apprentice. The most honored of heaven becomes the most despised of earth. The richest one in all glory becomes the poorest of earth. From a throne to a cross! From highest heaven to a dishonored gravel! Wonderful! To thee, O Son of man, be all honor, praise, and glory for ever and ever, world without end!

Worlds of infidels and skeptics!—world of sinners lost! O heathen world, "look and live!"—for surely one look at those pierced feet and hands and side must break the heart of stone. O world of professed Christians, take a look! See the Son of God cold in death and laid in a borrowed grave! Surely, He became poor!

But why all this sorrow, shame, and humiliation? Beloved, it was that we might be lifted from the more terrible sorrow, shame, and humiliation of sin to the riches of God's salvation and grace. "He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich." The rich became poor that the poor might be made rich. May God enlarge our hearts that we may comprehend such perfect unselfishness: may we, who claim to be Christians, be truly Christlike. Christlikeness means death to selfishness. A clear view of Christ in life and death is a terrible rebuke on the worldliness and self-interest of the great majority of professing Christians today. May we never forget Calvary.

"Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." I Peter 2:21. As Christ became poor that we through His poverty might be rich in God, so we may become poor in earthly things, or stay poor, that others through our poverty might be rich. This is following Jesus' steps. It is a high standard, but it is the very thing that is being done by God's precious ministry, by many gospel workers, by the missionaries, and by many others of God's saints. Their sacrificing is not always appreciated, but neither was Christ's. May they all be encouraged to keep their eyes on the joy that is set before them. This is what Jesus did. Also may God stir up our own hearts to be followers of Christ's life of self-sacrifice.

To live and work and give for others, thus having no opportunity of laying up treasures for ourselves on earth, is Christlikeness. It is indeed a blessed poverty.

—Jas. R. Tallen

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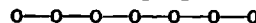
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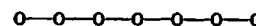


**THE SEASON'S WARMEST GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS** in the precious name of the Holy Child Jesus, of whom the angel said, "He shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who prevailed to loose the seals and open the Book of Life to all who will believe and accept this offered grace. Let us make room in our hearts for a greater manifestation of His divine love toward all people.

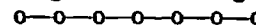


As this last issue for the year of 1975 goes to press, we are thankful to the Lord and our faithful readers for the hundreds of new names already received through the special subscription offer, to whom we will be mailing this gospel paper for the first three months of the year of 1976. By the time you receive this December copy you may have a few days remaining before the expiration date of this special offer on Dec. 8 to send in more names—10 for \$1.00. With your special effort at this time, we anticipate having several thousand new readers beginning with the January issue. **PLEASE** rush in all the names possible by December 8, and the Lord will bless you for your sincere concern in spreading the good news of this great salvation through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour, who reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us agree in prayer that the Spirit of God will cause the forthcoming issues of gospel messages to penetrate the heart of every unsaved reader and glean out of darkness many precious souls. The Spirit accompanying the Word is effectual in convicting the lost of their need of the Saviour and pointing them to the foot of the cross of Christ where they can find deliverance from sin and receive the joy and peace of salvation.

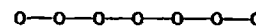


The 52 issues of the 1975 "Beautiful Way" paper for juniors, bound in a heavy paper cover, are now available at \$1.00 each, plus postage. The 1975 books of "Faith and Victory" will also be available very soon, in December, at the same price, \$1.00 each, plus 30¢ for postage and handling.

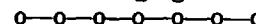


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The dates of July 23 to Aug. 1 have been set for the 1976 National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. All future plans, of course, are subject to God's will, for we know not what a day may bring forth in these changing times.



Plan to attend the Oklahoma State Assembly meeting here at Guthrie, Okla., from December 26 to Jan. 4, 1976, during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Everyone is cordially invited. This will

be the largest mid-winter gathering of God's people in the central area of the United States. A more complete notice appears on another page of this issue.

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Bro. Murphy Allen of Springfield, Mo., held a profitable meeting here at Guthrie from Nov. 4 to 9. The Word of truth was heart-searching, and every one who had an ear to hear received instruction and edification. God's Word will not return to Him void.

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Good reports have come from the Oregon State Assembly meeting (Nov. 7 to 16) at Jefferson, where Bro. Ostis B. Wilson is the pastor. About three out-of-state ministers were present to help in the services in addition to the state ministry.

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#### Public Education Problem . . . .

"Most educators will recognize as immoral a law requiring attendance at an institution whose net effect undermines a parent's attempts to influence how his child will turn out, what he will believe, and how he will act. Yet this is exactly what the public school has become for many Christian families.

"We must let educators know that while they are teaching truth is relative, we at home are teaching truth to be absolute. While they are teaching that man is here by blind chance, we are explaining that he was created by Divine Intelligence. While they are attempting to demonstrate that everything is subject to scientific analysis, we are teaching that there is a spiritual dimension not discernible by scientific scales.

"Unless enlightened by us, these educators will continue to assume that most religionists have accepted these and other doctrines of liberalism.

"The day has passed when we can ignore what happens to our children 6 hours a day, 5 days a week, 180 days a year, for 12 years."

The deteriorating condition in the public schools is certainly a perplexing problem to all God-fearing parents. Only by earnest prayer and the concerted action of concerned parents, along with the diligent training of their children in Bible truths in the home, will they be able to overcome the evil influence in the public schools and bring their children to adulthood with a semblance of faith in God and Bible principles. Parents, remember Jesus' exhortation: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

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Bro. Curtis Williams of Kentucky held a revival meeting at the 23rd Street chapel in Oklahoma City from Nov. 9 to 16. God gave the messages, accompanied by His convicting Spirit, and a number of souls were saved as they responded to the gospel invitation. Pray for the new converts.

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A request has come for us to consider printing another songbook of the remaining songs in the old "Select Hymns" songbook that were not used in the present "Evening Light Songs" edition. We understand there are approximately 190 songs that were not used in our current hymnal. If there is suffi-

cient interest in such a book of those songs, we would consider printing it as the Lord directs. The cost of a paper-bound copy would be approximately \$2.00 each. Please advise us of your interest, but do not send any orders at this time.

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My nephew, Wayne Murphey, will be united in marriage to Mary Sprague, Lord willing, on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1975, 6:30 p. m., at the Church of God chapel in Guthrie with the father of the groom, Bro. Willie Murphey, officiating. These young people are devoted to the Lord, and each teaches a class in the local Sunday school. Our prayer and wish are that they may have a long and happy life together in the service of the Lord.

Sister Mary Sprague has been a faithful and efficient worker here in the Lord's Printshop for the past year and a half, and we pray the Lord to bless and reward her many fold.

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The Lord's Printshop is in need of two unencumbered and consecrated typists, men or women. If the Lord speaks to your heart about filling this need in His service, please contact this office.

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At press time the sad news came from Brother Arthur Clocksin of Spearfish, S. Dak., that his wife, Marie Clocksin, passed away recently at the age of 72 years. He expects to meet her again in the Glory Land. Besides her husband, she is survived by five daughters and one son. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to and for Bro. Clocksin and his children in their bereavement.

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Thank the Lord that printing paper is still available. In the past 60 days more than 10,000 pounds of paper have been delivered to this publishing plant though at a much higher price than formerly.

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This year of 1975 is coming swiftly to a close. Again, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who have prayed for and co-operated with us, financially and otherwise, in printing and mailing out the "white-winged" silent gospel messengers around the world. Let us keep a clear vision of the great harvest fields and the urgent need of precious souls to hear and believe the gospel message. A crown of life is reserved in heaven for all those who are faithful until the end. —Lawrence Pruitt

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Edward Carl Tombleson was born on Aug. 20, 1888. He passed away Oct. 12, 1975, at his home near Mansfield, Mo., at the age of 87 years, one month and 22 days.

On March 1, 1908, he was married to Carrie Mallory. They had sixty-seven years of happy married life. He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife, three children: Hubert, Doris, and Kenneth; six grandsons, nine great grandchildren, and other relatives and many friends.

Bro. Tombleson was born into the Church of God many years ago and later was wholly sanctified. He lived a very devoted life, entering into a covenant with the Lord to live, teach, and uphold the principles of the teachings of the Bible, being faithful to the end. He was a wonderful husband, father, and saint of God.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Murphy Allen, Bro. Leslie Busbee, and Bro. Egbert Allen.

### NOTICE

On account of the uncertainty of the winter weather here in Dayton, Ohio, we feel it best to discontinue the second Sunday all-day meetings through Dec., Jan., and Feb. Pray for us here. —Bro. and Sis. Wm. McCoy

### CHANGE IN DATE OF MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

For the benefit of those who schedule their vacations at the beginning of the year, we would like to announce that a slight change has been made in the date of the Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo.

In this year's business meeting, it was decided to change the campmeeting from the traditional ten-day meeting, to a one-week meeting, extending from Wed. to Wed. It will convene on Wed., Aug. 4, 1976, the third day following the last day of the Monark Springs National Campmeeting and end on the following Wed., Aug. 11, thus extending through only one weekend.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend the Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., on Aug. 4 to 11, 1976. —Harlan Sorrell

### OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 69th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, at Guthrie, Okla., on Dec. 26, 1975, to Jan. 4, 1976, inclusive, during the Christmas and New Year holidays. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people in the central area of the U.S.A.

The chapel is located on the corner of 6th Street and West Warner Avenue. The dining hall and dormitories are located in the same block for your convenience. All who come will be cared for. The expenses of the meeting will be met, as usual, by free-will offerings.

We are praying and expecting the Lord to send in Spirit-filled ministers to preach the Word with heaven's anointing. All hungry souls seeking light or spiritual

help, come, and God will meet you here. If you are sick in body, come and be healed by faith in the Great Physician. Saints, come praying with a burden for the unsaved and for all who need help in soul and body. These are perilous times, and we need to be about our Father's business, doing what we can for lost souls.

At the last campmeeting a decision was made to relocate the local and state meetings as soon as possible on account of the recurring floods at the present location in Guthrie. The move will be very expensive and will require the sacrifice and efforts of all the saints over this state. So pray and ask the Lord what He would have you to do to advance this urgently-needed project.

Please send all contributions for the coming State Assembly meeting and for relocating the State meetings directly to the State Treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Route 2, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting on the Church of God campgrounds at Pacoima, Calif., will be held, Lord willing, December 26, 1975, through Jan. 4, 1976. The chapel address is 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, Calif.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this meeting. There are cabins and a dining hall on the grounds, and we expect to furnish accommodations for all who come. We would appreciate it very much if those traveling by car and living within the state would bring their own linens and bedding. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings. We request your prayers.

Directions to the campgrounds are as follows: Off of Interstate 5, take Osborne exit. Then travel east approximately a mile until you come to a fork, keep straight ahead, which will be Osborne Place. Go about a block to the campgrounds on your right.

For further information, contact Bro. M. J. Francisco, 12311 Judd St., Lakeview Terrace, phone 899-8825; or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, phone 896-5331, or the church, phone (213) 899-9021. —Sis. Patsy Fields

### OKMULGEE, OKLA., MEETING REPORT

It was not by chance that the Spirit of the Lord visited us again. "In times like these, . . . He knows just how much we can bear." The rich truths of the gospel were loudly proclaimed by His humble servant ministers who were from Alabama, California, and Okla. Most of the messages were directed to the saints. The general theme throughout the meeting was to live a holy life, well seasoned with the divine Spirit of Christ, which leads unerring. However, each message had a ray of hope for the unsaved. We are truly living in the days which God speaks about, when people knowingly reject God, refusing Him to enter in and bring rest to the soul. Oh, how sad! Nevertheless, the saints were edified and encouraged to press on. The Word will find us. We must give heed to it. "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." Isa. 55:11. The foundation was laid, and the

results are in His hands. "He that hath an ear, let him hear." Rev. 2:7.

The attendance was good. Saints came in from miles around to help in the meeting. We are grateful to all who had a part in the meeting. May God bless each one is our prayer.

—Bro. Woodrow Warren, pastor  
by Erma Johnson

### GREEN PASTURES, OKLA., MEETING REPORT

The annual fall meeting held at Green Pastures, Okla., 57th and Denver, from Oct. 10 to 19, was a real blessing. Bro. Mackey Francisco and Bro. Eugene Fields were used in bringing forth the word with anointing and conviction. The meeting was well attended. Some were saved and others received spiritual help.

We thank the Lord for each minister and all the saints, local and out-of-state, who came to help in the battle against sin. May God bless each of you, is our prayer.

—Bro. Herman Kelly, pastor  
by Icy Lee Tilmon, Sec.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Tenn.—"I need your prayers. I have arthritis and suffer so much. . . . My hands are so sore."

—Mrs. May Ralston

Mich.—"Wife is still gaining in health, but she still coughs and sneezes some. I am better, but the trouble in my head is about the way it has been. It does not . . . pain any, but it is very annoying and I cannot hear quite as well because of it."

—Bro. Floyd Hines

Tex.—"My nephew has cancer of the blood. Please keep praying for him. Doctors told him that he couldn't live more than two years. Pray that he will be saved." (She had other requests.)

—Mrs. I. T. Strickland

Fla.—"I got hit by a car on Sept. 20, and I am not so well — my left leg and my back give me a lot of pain. Pray for me."

—James H. Moore.

Wisc.—"I had a heart attack two weeks ago [last of Oct.]. The Lord pulled me through thus far. I am asking for prayer."

—Sis. Florence Knoll

Pa.—"I have not been feeling well. . . . Send me an anointed handkerchief. Enclosed is a dollar for the handkerchief."

—Hazel Houck

Ohio—"We just seem to have burdens on top of burdens. . . . My husband has a bad blood condition and high blood pressure . . . I have low blood pressure. . . . My oldest daughter has a blood clot in her lung . . . My oldest brother, who stays with us, is in the hospital for an operation . . . Remember my family that they will be saved."

—Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Edwards

"Pray for the work in the prison . . . some are getting saved. I want some tracts to send to them. . . . My son is in prison . . . I have three grandsons in a Boys' Home and one granddaughter in a Girls' Home. I want tracts to send to them . . . Pray for me, my children, and grandchildren."

—Name withheld

Mo.—"I have been so slow in seeing myself and my weaknesses. I thought God had forsaken me . . . I read and reread your letter. A person's health can cause a



good deal of trouble. My nerves are bad and other things wrong. I am not well, but try to get around. . . Please pray for me." —Pansy Golden

Ohio—"I have bronchitis and cough nearly all the time. I can't get much rest at night and I am losing weight. I only weigh 110 lbs., which is unusual for me. I desire your prayers that I may be healed. The Lord has healed me many times, but I can't seem to get victory over this illness." —Ida M. Hartley

Mich—"My father isn't feeling well. He seems to have a kidney problem and has gastric trouble. . . . My mother has some days that she doesn't feel well, but when we get to be 80 years old, we are not so young...." —Sis. Olive Gettersson

Calif.—"I have a skin rash and it is worse at night... Pray for me." —Amelia Smith

Calif.—Remember Marilyn Rendall who has a mental problem and is in a hospital.

Mo.—"God is truly trying to get every soul to Heaven that will let Him. How I do want to always count the rough times as blessings as well as the smooth times. I do love the Lord and mean to make heaven my home by His grace . . . I do thank the Lord and all the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf. However, I'm still bothered with my left leg and when I'm on it too long, it gives me much trouble. I don't know if it is a blood clot or a light stroke. God knows and is looking on. My trust is in Him . . . I desire your continued prayers." —Sis. Natalie Allen

Okla.—Remember Sis. Wadley and also Sis. Katherine Williams' sister. They both need a touch from the Lord.

Mo.—Still remember Bro. Junior Sorrell. His heart has been bothering him and he still bleeds from his mouth and nose.

Okla.—"I am asking your prayers for a condition that I cannot name. It seems to be a muscular condition. . . I have almost continuous distress with this condition shifting about in my body . . . I am trusting the Lord for healing." —Clyde Sweazy

Do pray for the saints' children who are going deeper in sin. Their parents are so concerned about them, as all of us know that as time goes on it will be harder for them to turn to the Lord. Some of the dear sisters and brothers are suffering severe persecutions from their companions, so remember them in prayer that God will deal with souls who are bound by the enemy of all souls. —Sis. Marie Miles

#### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Oct. 20)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, co-workers, and saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer who ever liveth and "whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Praise the Lord!

Thank you very much for your letters dated Sept. 27 and Oct. 2, 1975, and the enclosures were noted with many heart-felt thanks.

We had a very blessed all-day meeting at Karikkom last Saturday with a good gathering of the saints and with anointed messages. Within one year the "evening light" Church of God in India has progressed to a considerable level. Many were added to the Church by

the influence of the Holy Spirit, and the local congregations were edified. The saints were quickened and enlightened with great zeal. The main reason for this awakening is the strong prayers of the saints in the United States behind us! We appreciate your prayers and co-operation until the coming of Christ.

The church in Jerusalem was a praying church. The poor, persecuted Christians did not have the patronage of the priests, the princes or the people, but they knew a person who was their power. Silver and gold had they none. The Pharisees and the priests had the backing of the political parties, big money bags, and the affluent world. But the poor fishermen had just one credential—that was, they knew Jesus, their Lord. Their God was not dead. Their God was a reality in the lion's den, in the fiery furnace, and in the solitude of Patmos. Behind every revival there was a group of agonizing saints on their knees. The world has never seen a time more calamitous and chaotic than it is now. The only hope for this world is the praying church.

Our general campmeeting at Karikkom starts on Jan. 14, 1976, and continues five days. Yours prayers are invited for its temporal and spiritual needs.

We have congregations at Thevalappuram and Kalayapuram. So far, they do not have a place to worship. After a long time of prayer, God helped us to purchase a plot of land (one-tenth of an acre each) in these two places last week. Now the saints wait for a fund to build a small chapel on the newly-purchased land for worship. I hope all the saints who love the Lord's work will pray and act as the Holy Spirit leads each one. Whatever money I receive from the saints will be utilized to build chapels in these two places, and by faith we plan to start the building of these chapels next week. Faith in God never fails.

On Oct. 8, 1975, Bro. P. J. Manuel (72 years old) entered into eternal rest. He was a co-worker with Bro. L. K. John in the church at Calicut. Bro. L. K. John is still on the bed due to sickness. [Pray for him.]

With love and prayers, yours in the Lord,

—John Varghese and co-workers

#### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Midwest Nigeria (Oct. 23)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of the Holy Lamb of God—the perfect Man and the perfect God. In His name we can achieve goals and solve problems. Praise Him forever!

Your letter dated Oct. 2, 1975, was received with the enclosures. Thank you for God's addition of support for His own chosen vessels who toil to reach the unreached and raise the fallen in Jesus' name. . . .

It is only by keeping God's commandments that we will have His power to trample the enemies under foot and bring down the walls of Jericho. . . .

We have taken your request for divine healing to the Throne for the immediate attention of our Healer. Faith in Him is the cure.

We are praying that the Lord would bring it to pass that our American brothers would be privileged to visit us at least once a year. We are now praying for Bro. Melot's visit to us again.

Yours in Him, —Titus Enu, pastor.



## FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

England—We would like to say how grateful we are that you are able to send us the "Faith and Victory" each time. The articles are so very often just what one has need of.

We pray that the Lord will bless your ministry and may you be encouraged and helped, and that He will abundantly supply all the needs.

Yours in His wonderful Name,

—John and Rosemary Cornish

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Ore.—The enclosure is to be used where needed. Thanks for the nice letter. I hope all are well there. I am still going at 89 years of age. Thank the Lord! —Lottie M. Asling

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie and saints: May the good Lord of peace ever keep you and help in the good work you are doing.

I am still saved and on the highway of holiness. I mean to do all I can to help draw people to God. I am alone, doing the best I can. My husband passed away August 22, 1974, and my oldest brother, Henry Carter, on Oct. 13, 1975. A lot of people that read the "Faith and Victory" paper knew them both.

My oldest daughter, Lillian Smith, gave her heart to God and is also working for Him. . . . Her back, legs, arms, and neck are giving her trouble. She said she thought that the devil was tempting and trying her faith. Pray for her.

My health is not very good. I am up most of the time, taking care of myself as best I can. Please pray for us as we pray for you. —Mrs. Beulah Johnson

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings to you and all of the gospel workers there at the printshop.

Today I'm saved, sanctified, and have a determined mind to go all the way with my Saviour. I praise the dear Lord for all of His mercies and goodness that He has extended to me.

It has been quite some time since I have written to you, but I want you to know I have never forgotten to remember all of you in my prayers who are so willingly giving of your time and service to the Lord.

Bro. Mackey Francisco was telling how the Lord wonderfully blessed in the ministers' meeting. We were all happy to have him back home, safe and sound, and very much uplifted in the Lord. This encouraged my heart.

I get so much encouragement from reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. There are so many wonderful testimonies, words of encouragement, and also how the gospel is being sent out to the foreign countries. I'm glad that the true gospel is being spread throughout the world. My prayer is that many honest souls will be benefited.

Please continue to pray for me and my family. I have a special request before the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, —Shawnee Little

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Illinois—May God bless and heal all of you.

It is time to send another little gift, a Thanksgiving offering "as unto the Lord" to help a little to keep the

paper going out. God has been good to us. We are still able to take care of ourselves. My wife is two years older than I, but she seems to have more energy. She will be 85 years old next month.

May God bless the good work all of you are doing there at the Lord's Print Shop. c —Carl and Karen Gimse

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Kansas—I thank the Lord to still be able to report victory and a strong determination to remain faithful unto the end. The trials continue to come and the enemy has not slackened his pace, but the Lord is fully able to take us through and I am living by faith.

I attended the Hoffman, Okla., meeting over the weekend and am happy to report that it was good. It was my first time to ever go there, and I did enjoy my little stay. The same problem seemed to exist there that has in most of the meetings I attended this year—the sinners just seemed to be too hard and satisfied in sin to be persuaded that they need to run for their lives. May the Lord continue to extend mercy though.

I have not had time to read all of the Nov. "Faith and Victory" yet, but I read the editorial about the article in the "U. S. News and World Report" about the Communist plan to take over the United States in 1976. That really puts a fear on our hearts and makes us more determined to get as close to God as possible and retain as much of the Word of God as we can in case God does allow the U. S. to fall. I found the magazine in the library and xeroxed a couple of copies of the article as published, so other saints here could get a chance to read it. I hope many of the relatives of the saints will take warning also and come out of sin while they have freedom of worship, so they will have time to learn of God's ways and get strong enough to stand against the wiles of the devil and be victorious in time of persecutions if the Lord should permit them to come. . . . In 1974 I read in some book that the revolutionary groups in America were grouping and planning an all-out revolution in America in 1975, so I have felt apprehensive for some time. Then, too, Bro. Pat Huskey preached in Monark Springs campmeeting in 1974 that the Communists would take over the United States some day and that the book of Revelation bears it out. If he has interpreted it properly, we might as well expect the worst and get spiritually prepared. Of course, I have no intentions of living in dread or tormenting fear, but I intend to be digging, seeking, sinking, and getting fortified for whatever the Lord allows to happen. As one song says, "Our God still lives and has control." Therefore we can trust Him to see us through in whatever way He sees fit, even if it means death.

May God bless each worker at the printshop and continue to help you to warn souls of the wrath of God and tell them of the perfect plan of salvation that is our refuge.

Your Sister in Christ, —Shirley Knight

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La.—We often think about the "Lord's Print Shop" and how much good the printed page is doing to help souls. We surely enjoy the Sunday School quarterly. It helps us to understand the Bible more. We have heard many good sermons, but it seems it does us good to sit down and study the lessons.

We surely miss Bro. and Sis. Herbert Probst, but glad we have Sis. LaVerne Manuel to help some. . . .

Enclosed is a check for the subscriptions. Continue to send us the "Faith and Victory" paper. Use the rest where it is needed most. We need your prayers. We pray for you. —Sis. Elva and Sis. Geneva Joiner

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Okla.—I'm thanking the good Lord for His protection over us each day and each moment from dangers seen and unseen. I thank God for saving me and encouraging me to look up to the "hills from whence cometh my help." I'm reminded of the words of the poet, "Had it not been for a place called Mt. Calvary, and had it not been for the old rugged cross; had it not been for a man called Jesus, then forever my soul would be lost."

We're still thanking the Lord for protecting us when the burglar came into our house. My husband was sleeping, but I was awakened by hearing little noises that sounded like the train passing and shaking the windows. The light on in the kitchen made some light in the bedroom. As the good Lord would have it, my back was turned, so I didn't see the burglar but heard him go out. I heard his tread sound in the hall. I raised my head up and wondered what I should do. It came to me to be still, so I laid my head down and just prayed that some of the saints would pray for me, for I was afraid. This was about 4 o'clock a. m. on Saturday morning. More than one felt our need and prayed, but one sister got up and prayed. We can't thank God enough. The words came, "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee." Also, "Be not afraid, 'tis I." The burglar found a small amount of money, but didn't get anything else that we know of.

I've been blessed in soul and body. We still desire your prayers for an unspoken request.

—Vera Mae Hawkins

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Calif: Dear Sis. Marie: I have intended to write you, but my eyesight is very poor. I have quit some reading, but I am praying for Jesus to heal me. . . .

I was happy to see the three-month subscription envelopes back in the "Faith and Victory." I will fill mine out and return it, as I have some names that I feel may accept the truth. If they don't, someone else may do so.

Many years ago, I read where a woman found a "Gospel Trumpet" in her mail box, and she threw it down into a mud hole. An old man came along and picked it up. He took it home with him. He and his wife became Christians.

Remember me and mine in earnest prayer.

—Sis. Mary Worley

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Ohio—Dear saints and lovers of the truth, greetings: We are still pressing on through trials and many afflictions, and we find His grace sufficient day by day. We realize that the prize is at the end of life's journey. So it's those who endure to the end that will win the crown that fadeth not away.

The Lord has blessed us with a precious revival (Nov. 2-9) here in Dayton, Ohio. The eleven messages seemed to be right from God. Our souls were fed and much stirred to walk in the truths of these messages. They were under the anointing of the Holy

Spirit, and very timely. It is marvelous how the Lord has given Bro. Egbert Allen such a memory, as he cannot see to read a word, and how he travels by himself on the bus, and God so wonderfully protects him. Having him with us in the revival and in our home, reminded me of old times when we (all six) traveled together in the Lord's great harvest field. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless Bro. Allen and make his labors effectual.

Please pray for us that our future pathways will be directed by God. We do want His approval upon our hearts and lives. —Bro. William and Sis. Evelyn McCoy

619 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: I'm so thankful this morning for the many blessings of the Lord. I just read the first half of the November paper, "Faith and Victory," and all of it was a great blessing. . . .

I have been bothered much with something in my right foot, especially the heel and some in the ankle. Some times, and especially after being off it a little while, it is almost unbearable to walk. But I'm thankful that after several hops it eases up some and it is completely easy at times when I'm off it. I've been bothered with this, in addition to my already stiff knees, for more than two months, but it is worse the last couple weeks, so I don't get very much accomplished.

Our assembly meeting is so close and I have helped on clean-up day and helped some in the kitchen every year for camp meetings and assembly meetings (when they had one) since we moved back here in 1936, except the year Erma was born.

May the Lord bless all the workers there at the printshop, is our prayer. —Sis. Myrtis Flynn

(Sis. Myrtis did not write this to print about her helping on clean-up day or in the kitchen for the meetings, but I felt that we wanted to acknowledge her help, and also let everyone know that those who help get ready for meetings and help during the meetings, are surely having a part in the salvation of souls. This is an important part of the work at a meeting. If there were not some preparations made, there would not be a meeting. My own mother, Sis. Mary Pruitt, helped cook for many years at the State meetings here at Guthrie. She has gone to her reward and the treasures she has laid up in heaven. —Sis. Marie Miles)

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie, Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Maybelle, and all the dear ones there in the office:

I want to send out a little thanksgiving note to all the dear saints there and others who have been so thoughtful of us in our troubles. We have received so many get-well notes that it would take a long time to write to each one individually. We do want each one to know they have been a blessing to us. Also, we thank each one who has visited us, also for the prayers that have been sent to the heavenly Father in our behalf. It is wonderful how the saints love each other and are interested in each other's welfare. Husband is still in the battle with affliction, so please keep remembering him in prayer until the Lord sees fit to deliver him. —Bro. W. C. McMakin and wife

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Miss.—Dear Sis. Marie: I still enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, and it is always a reminder of

my dear, sweet mother, who has been gone now a little over a year. She always looked forward to my reading it to her, and I did enjoy doing it so much. Now I enjoy reading it myself. I want to always get it as long as I live, which I know won't be too long, as I'm already living on borrowed time. I'm happy to say that I'm ready when the dear Lord calls. —Grace Gill

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Ky.—Dear Sis. June and Bro. Randall Flynn: We send greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the Author of our salvation. . . .

I want to tell you how the Lord helped us to find water. We have rural water here and it is so very expensive (around \$12 to \$15 per month), and then Curtis could hardly stand to drink it. Before they got the rural water, the people here got their water from a pond. Almost everyone living out here had pond or cistern water. I don't know of one good well. Curtis had prayed about this for a good while (I just admit I never had much faith of ever getting water). I was just thankful to have good water, as the water on Dry Creek, where we lived before, had rust in it and it just about ruined our clothers. Curtis felt like the Lord, who gave the children of Israel water in the desert, could give us water. He got a well driller to come out. The man didn't give him any encouragement. He had drilled several wells out here and none of them gave enough water to furnish a house. He told Curtis he would probably drill a dry hole. Curtis told him where he wanted the well drilled, and told him he was going to pray the Lord to help him find water, and that he felt like he would find water less than 35 feet and that it would be under the rock. Surely enough, he struck water at 18 feet under the rock. He then drilled to 40 feet. The well driller hardly knew what to think. We haven't gotten it piped into the house yet, but it seems to be real good water and plenty of it. The man called for me to come out and listen to it fill up. It just roared. He said that he had drilled wells for 34 years and had never had one like it in a place like this. We surely thank the Lord for it. . . .

We are all well as usual. Curtis needs prayer, but is doing reasonably well. Pray for all of us.

—Sis. Curtis Williams

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N. C.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Thank you for your prayers. Thank God for what He has done for me in healing my ear. I give Him all praise. I still need all of your prayers. I pray for you and all the workers. Thanks for the "Victory" paper. It has been a great help to me. —James Mc Lester

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Tenn.—I enjoyed reading your good letter and how the Lord is blessing in the work there. He is blessing me in my small way of working for Him. He has been working out His plan in my family's need of God. I have been requesting prayer for my loved ones. What a mighty God we serve!

There is a neighbor close to me who has a little boy three years old. He had never walked any until just

recently. The Lord burdened me for his healing. He can walk now, but still needs prayer for complete healing. I gave God all the praise for what He did. His mother and dad need salvation. Please pray for them all. There is power in prayer. "He is just the same today. Yes, He healed in Galilee and set the suffering captive free. He is just the same today." I believe we should carry a greater burden for the suffering. I pray that the Lord will help me to be more like Him.

—Sis. Mary Williamson

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Ala.—Dear Sis. Marie and all the dear saints: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. The month of October is my natural birthday month — 54 years old. Also, in October 24 years ago, I was born spiritually, resurrected with Christ. Praise the dear Lord! He came into my heart and changed everything—something I could not do for myself. He set my heart, mind, and life on eternal things. God has been so good to me over the years. He has healed me of afflictions so many times. He has answered prayer so many ways. I have been in the valley some, but Christ was always there to help me. But most of all, I am praising God because my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I can never praise Him enough. I love each of the dear saints, because they, like myself, are no part of this wicked world and they are watching and waiting for Christ's coming. Praise the name of Jesus!

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the good Lord for all He is to me. I want to thank you and the saints for your prayers. I am able to do my work, for which I give the Lord all the praise and glory.

I trust you are well in body. What a mighty God we serve! Luke 1:49 says, "For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

I thank the Lord for the saints and the printshop. I pray that we will always have it. The tracts, books, and the "Faith and Victory" paper are so wonderful. May the Lord send more workers to help. —Sis. Nola Wells

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Ill.—Dear Sis Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. My husband had a stomach virus. In a few days I had it. The day that I was so sick with it, I called for an agreement in prayer. The Lord answered prayer! Praise His name! That was the only day I was real sick. I felt bad for a few days, but I didn't vomit any more. My husband began to get better, too, after I called for prayer for him. I do thank the good Lord for healing us. Thank you for your prayers, too.

I'm writing for all of you to remember me in prayer, as I'm having a lot of trouble with my head, eyes, and nerves. I feel sick at my stomach so much and dizzy at times.

Sis. Marie, the dear Lord has wonderfully touched me since May, when I had that awful sickness, but I still am not completely well. Some days I feel so bad that I can hardly go. I know the devil is trying to discourage me. I pray all the time for more faith to keep my trust in Jesus. I know He loves me and His word is true. We can firmly stand on it . . . He will not fail. I think of that song, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

I want you to remember a little girl, eleven years old, in prayer. She is paralyzed from her hips down. It just came upon her all at once. It started with a headache and sickness at her stomach. Her folks have had her to doctors and they don't know what caused it. Her grandparents are Christians and believe in prayer.

By God's help and grace I'm going to keep praying and trusting for healing. He paid it all for us on the cross when He shed His blood and gave His life for our sins and sickness though we are so unworthy.

—Mrs. Truman Pitts

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Ind.—Greetings to you and all of the dear saints everywhere: I am praising our dear Lord for victory in my soul and for healing. In answer to your prayers, I am feeling much better in body and looking for complete healing. Wife is better also. Praise God! We surely thank you and your prayer band for your prayers and the anointed cloth, and also for the prayers of the saints everywhere. Please keep us on your prayer list. I am praying for you and all the saints, body and soul, and for our dear preacher brethren in the Church of God. . . .

Your brother in the one Body, —Nathan Mobley

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### MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Philippine Islands—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Christian greetings to all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I am writing my testimony about how I found the truth, because to remain silent about our conviction may be a temptation.

I was born into a devout Methodist family. My parents were zealous of their religion, and in my childhood I was trained to pray and read the Bible, and attend Sunday School, but I did not have a deep Christian experience. When I got married, I became conscious of my spiritual life. So I went to ask questions about religion of different pastors and ministers of various groups. But as I gathered information from religious leaders, the more I was confused. Being confused by what people say about the way of salvation, I decided to search the Holy Scriptures alone, which is the only rule of faith. I read the Bible thoroughly, especially the New Testament and I learned that there is only one Church recorded in the Bible. I have also learned that there is no human head of the Church because Christ is the only Head. The Bible also tells that the Church that Jesus built was founded in Jerusalem during the time of the Apostles. I came to see that all these religious bodies that were called churches were not God's church, but unscriptural schisms. I began to try to find the true church. I then met a Church of Christ minister. I entered with him into a Bible study, and as he presented the truth, my heart was convicted and I decided to affiliate with the Church of Christ. After a year the minister encouraged me to go to the Philippine Bible College at Baguio City, where I completed my Bachelor of Theology. After my completion I began to preach full time. Believing that I had found the true church, I preached under the Church of Christ with great zeal and enthusiasm for ten years. While serving as minister under the said church, I engaged in several public debates and I was able to establish four congregations.

One day I went to the post office to see if I had any mail. I received a package of Church of God materials sent to me by Bro. Granil, a minister of the Church of God in Isabela, Philippines. When I reached home, I immediately opened the package and started reading the materials. One piece of this Christian literature was a copy of the "Faith and Victory." As I read it prayerfully and carefully, my heart was deeply stirred with the message of truth contained therein. It has been a source of much blessing, encouragement and spiritual help. I praise and thank the Lord for raising you up to produce such tremendous and inspiring articles.

It was while reading these materials that I first got a hint of the existence of something better than what I had learned under the Church of Christ. I found out that there were scriptural things that the Church of Christ had not been practicing, such as: feet-washing, divine healing, sanctification and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The Church of Christ seemed to love and trust me. They provided all the needs of my family. They also provided a house where I and my family lived. But upon seeing the whole truth, I made my definite decision to step out from this group to stand for the truth. I love the beautiful Church of God and I am now giving all my time and effort preaching the whole truth under the Church of God with no support whatsoever, no place to stay and no chapel in which to worship, but wife and I are very happy to suffer for Christ.

The Church of Christ and many other folks are now working hard against me and my family, but we praise and thank the Lord, recognizing with St. Paul ". . . that all things work together for good to them that love God." Wife and I are standing firm for the truth. We are fully determined to give all our time and efforts for God and to suffer for the sake of Christ.

Please pray for us as we advance God's work in the Philippines. We need help in all ways, and would appreciate anything the Lord lays on your heart to help us in the advancement of the Church of God work in the Philippines.

In Christian love, —Matias S. Tunganan

### HE LEADETH RIGHT



My Father's way may twist and turn,  
My heart may throb and ache;  
But in my soul I'm glad to know  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,  
My hopes may fade away;  
But still I trust my Lord to lead,  
For Father knows the way.

There's so much now I cannot see,  
My eye is still so dim;  
But come what may, I still can trust  
And leave it all to Him.

For by-and-by the mist will lift,  
And darkness turn to day;  
Then looking back we'll praise His name,  
Who led us all the way.

—Author unknown  
Selected by Floy Woolery

## The Rewards of the Righteous and the Wicked in Contrast



First, we note the blessings upon and promises to the righteous:

"But ye are come unto Mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." Heb. 12:22. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:12-14. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo herel or, lo therel for, behold the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20b,21. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I Cor. 2:14. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." I Cor. 1:18 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2,3. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9. "But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble." Psalms 37:39. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 37:3,4. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalms 91:11. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." I Cor. 15:51,52. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom. 8:11. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Revelation 3:21. "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." II Peter 3:13. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him

that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Rev. 2:17. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:1-4. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 22:5.

Second, we note the condemnation and reward of the wicked:

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." Luke 16:23. "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Psalms 7:11. "Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup." Psalms 11:6. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." Psalms 34:16. "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." II Peter 3:7,10. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:41,46. "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 19:20. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in

the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:12-15.

Dear ones, I have written this by the help of God, with a heart full of love and compassion for the lost, and I pray you will hear and heed God's voice before it is too late. —Sis. Pearlene Whitson

## FRIENDS?



My oldest child has asked me ever so often: "Mama, who is your best friend?" I would always think for a few seconds, and then my answer would be, "Jesus." I knew that Jesus was supposed to be my best friend. I really did not feel like He was all that close. Oh, yes, I loved the Lord very much. Yes, He had answered so many prayers. Yes, He had healed my body of afflictions. But it was not a whole-hearted feeling of love and closeness that made me answer this child's question with "Jesus."

My son would say, "But, Mama, I mean a real person; someone alive today." Well, I knew what he meant, but I also knew what I'd been taught. So I would say, "Jesus is a real person; He is alive today." This still did not satisfy my child. He would keep on until I would name a person I liked. My son kept asking me these same questions for a long time. I see now that the Lord wanted me to see some things.

One day a week or so ago, I became disappointed in still another person. Oh, how it cut so deeply to my heart! Then I began to remember all the other people who had disappointed me so sorely. Almost everyone I had ever known in my life had disappointed me, until I thought my heart would break. I began to sob and weep. Then I glanced out the window and saw several sparrows eating out of the dog pan. I thought of all the scriptures where sparrows are mentioned. I knew that the Lord had a message for me. Then the Lord spoke to my heart in the words of a song: "Someone to care, someone to share." Then the sweetest and most beautiful feeling came over my heart. I say it came over my heart because it felt like God had poured a sweet, warm healing oil all over my heart. It glued all the broken pieces of my heart back into place. But it was so much more wonderful than any glue, because this oil left no cracks or rough edges. It was like Jesus had put a blanket around my heart much like a mother covers her children with a blanket on a cold night.

Jesus spoke to me and I knew that He had felt the same way. I knew that He had been disappointed in many people. He had felt this deep and stabbing pain in His heart, too. Then I knew that He wanted to be my best friend and closest companion.

Many times I have wondered why I was living. When no one really seemed to care, many times I have sobbed and felt like I wanted to die. But this time, God poured on my heart His healing oil. Oh, what a wonderful God! Thank you, Lord for such a precious lesson. Jesus IS my best FRIEND!

—Laurette Perkins



Beelzebub, who has been dispossessed of his unlawful reign [through Jesus' blood], will never relinquish his efforts to regain it. —Sel.

## The Doctrine of Healing



There are among the religious classes of people today, multitudes of skeptics regarding faith healing, or healing of the body by the means set forth in the Word of God. Volume after volume has been written on the subject; an abundance of testimonies have been published and sent broadcast over the land; yea, people have been eye-witnesses to the healing of the sick, yet in the face of all this, many will not believe.

We do not base the doctrine of divine healing upon the testimonies of those who have been healed in these last days; nor upon what has been written in many of the volumes published, for there is a more solid foundation upon which to build. The Word of God is the true basis upon which its principles are founded, and it is presented in the strongest terms, from the book of Genesis to Revelation. Then what if some do not believe? "Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid; yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." Rom. 3:3,4.

The ways of the Lord are beyond the wisdom of men, and the heights and depths of his glory and mercies cannot be fathomed by human reasoning. Yet they cannot be questioned when viewed from a standpoint of reason and logic, when we take into consideration the infinite power and majesty of God, and that He is "all and in all." "The same yesterday, and today, and forever." God, who worked miracles in times past, still retains the same power, and will work through his true children; and none can hinder.

Those who try to study out a way to heaven, or the principles of divine healing, through some scientific method will make a failure, unless they broaden their science enough to accept the miraculous performances of God's power, and fall in line with the teachings of His Word. They may harmonize the parting of the waters of the Red Sea by the blowing of an east wind, but when the river Jordan is reached with its overflowing banks, and as the priests who bear the ark step into the water, which immediately parts and banks up on one side of them, and on the other side the river bed is left dry, a performance is witnessed which scientists fail to show any natural principles by which it was done, but are forced to admit that He who created the world was able to separate the waters in any way He saw fit to do, whether it harmonized with science or natural laws or not.

Abraham understood on what grounds this doctrine was founded, when he prayed for Abimelech, whom the Lord healed. So did Moses when he prayed for the healing of Miriam, who had been stricken with leprosy, but through his prayers was restored. The other patriarchs of old, the holy prophets, and devout men of God witnessed the healing of the sick by the power of God and were instruments in His hands to perform wonderful things before the people.

The promise of the Lord to Moses and the children of Israel, if they would obey the voice of the Lord, was, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Ex. 23:25. "I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. "Observe and hear

all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God." Deut. 12:28. The promise, "With thy children for ever," reaches down to the present day. When God's children obeyed His voice, these promises were fulfilled; when they disobeyed Him, the promises were not fulfilled.

Centuries after these promises were given, we hear the Psalmist David breaking forth in these words: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Ps. 103:2,3.

When Hezekiah was "sick unto death," he prayed unto the Lord a fervent prayer, and the same was answered by the healing of his body, and fifteen years were added unto his life. 2 Kings 20:1-6. But in 2 Chr. 16:12 we read of Asa, one of the kings of Israel, who sought not the Lord during his sickness, but put his case in the hands of earthly physicians, and the consequence was that he died. In those days it was safe for the children of God to trust in Him for the healing of their bodies; and coming down to the time of Christ we find Him healing all manner of diseases, "that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17. Likewise His apostles went forth healing the sick, and doing wonderful things in the name of Jesus, and their work was wrought by the power of God. So we find the doctrine of divine healing is no new doctrine, as it is a part of the Word of God, and it has been the privilege of His faithful children in all ages past to claim His promises, and be healed of their diseases. —E. E. Byrum

## Hold Fast Thy Confidence

Endeavoring to help us see the need of holding fast our confidence in God and not to faint, Jesus gave the parable about the unjust judge who did not fear God nor regard man. A certain poor widow came to him, and kept coming to him to be avenged of her adversary. The judge held out against her for a time, but because this woman kept coming to him for help, he decided to fulfill her petition purely for the sake of not being bothered by her any more. Jesus said concerning this to us: "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he [God] will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:1-8.

Let us especially notice what He said at the last. He asks a serious question here. When something is questioned, this means that an uncertainty exists in the matter. The question is: Will Jesus find faith on the earth when He comes again? When Jesus questions something, it is evident that the matter must rest somewhere else than in His own power, for nothing about Him is questionable. It must therefore be in us, the souls of men. We have something to do about having faith.

Listen to what the inspired writer says in Hebrews 10:35, "Cast not away therefore your confidence,

which hath great recompence of reward." It is a wonderful blessing to have confidence built up within our hearts and minds. When you are deeply assured that God is, and that He knows and loves you as a kind and merciful heavenly Father, One in whom you can safely trust and obey, you possess a great treasure that you should guard with earnest care. When you are persuaded that Christ lives and intercedes for you at the right hand of God and that He is preparing a Home for you in glory, you have a confidence that is surely worth guarding. As you look around you in the world that is so full of doubt, fear, anxiety, grief, gloom, melancholy, unbelief, atheism, infidelity, bitterness, and greed, then you realize that you are assured of these eternal things, how thankful you ought to be! How you need to be strong to hold fast to your faith. What else is there in the world that is worth your endeavor? Yes, the pressure is on, and those who are holding to their faith are fighting great battles. God is allowing our hearts to be tested and to suffer many things. But before you go down in despair, you had better look around you and wisely view what sorrow and disappointment awaits you in this cold, dark world. Hold fast your confidence! It is the richest and dearest treasure that you can ever have, and once you cast it away, it is very hard to regain. Let us not faint, but let us keep holding on, for yet a little while and the Lord will come. We will be so glad that we held on to our faith and trust in Him.

Hold fast to faith! In this dark day:

The remnant of the scroll of time,  
When hearts for fear do melt away  
So heedless of the truth sublime.

Cast not away thy confidence!

Be not afraid of sudden fear,

For in thy faith is sure defence

When clouds of danger hover near.

Hold fast to faith, the storms will fade

And in due season help will come;

Oh, hear His voice: "Be not afraid!"

Let Jesus guide thee safely home.

—Leslie Busbee

## The Christian's Last Will and Testament

For the Christian, a will is an integral part of a life of stewardship. His life plan of stewardship is not complete until he has made a will or has in some other way made provision that his material possessions will be used wisely after his death.

We are stewards of what we have, whether we have little or much. It is God who gives man wealth and the power to get wealth. Our possessions are therefore a trust from God and should be administered according to His will. The fact that a man may have given of his income to God does not free him from the responsibility of making wise provision for the use of what he has accumulated.

Thousands of dollars that God has entrusted to Christian men and women, that should have been



used for the work of Christ's kingdom, have fallen instead into the hands of lawyers and ungrateful heirs, many of whom were not Christians. Christian people should see that their wealth serves good purposes after they themselves are gone.

If people permit these earthly treasures to be corrupted by moth and rust or stolen by thieves, they will be robbed of treasures in heaven. It is nothing short of tragic when a person with earthly possessions passes on without having made provision for these treasures to be translated into eternal values.

The rich fool laid up much of this world's goods, but without utilizing them was called by death. God asked, "Then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Jesus remarked, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Every faithful Christian steward should face up to the question of what will happen to his possessions after he is gone. How can God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," to one who has received from his Lord large amounts of material possessions but has made no provision for their use after his death?

If the Lord rebuked the servant for hiding his one talent in the earth and not using it, what will He say to one who has not put to good use the thousands entrusted to him? Good stewardship demands not only the proper use of possessions while he is living but also of what he leaves behind.

A will is a tool in the Christian's hands to safeguard the principal he is using, so that it may be used for good purposes after he no longer needs it. It prevents the dedicated money of consecrated men and women from falling into the hands of unbelievers or into the hands of those who would squander or misuse it.

A Christian's will should be a Christian will. A Christian will is a will made in conscious recognition that God is the owner of material things and that man is His steward. In this will the Christian steward expresses his last will about his possessions.

Can a will that leaves large amounts to relatives and friends, but completely ignores the work of God and the Church be called a Christian will? Can the testator be called a Christian steward?

One man who had carefully made out his will was told by his attorney that he had left out his best friend—the One who had done the most for him. This attorney pointed out that God had not been remembered in the will; yet it was God who had given him all that he had. The man saw his mistake and changed the will to include the work of the Church.

The Christian's will is his last opportunity to confess Christ, and this every Christian with means should do.

To faithfully care for what we have while living and then be careless about its use after we are gone is folly and a violation of the principles of stewardship. The property of dedicated men and women should not fall into the hands of profligates who will squander it in riotous living. This would make it a

Christian's duty to have a will, unless his property has been made secure for God in other ways.

A man with possessions should face squarely a number of questions: How much should be left to the companion and children? What amount will be best for the children? Will they use it with profit? What amount should be willed to the Church? How can he best confess Christ in his will? How will one's property serve the best purposes?

Certainly it would not be right to rob a godly companion and children in order to give more to the Church. To fail to provide for one's own is to become worse than an unbeliever and to deny the faith. Most people, however, are more likely to sin in the other extreme. They bequeath large amounts to relatives and friends and completely forget God. And often they are bringing a curse upon the ones to whom they are leaving large amounts.

The statistician, Roger W. Babson, said, "We are striving and even slaving to lay up property for our children, when statistics clearly show that the more we lay up for them, the worse off they are going to be. If statistics demonstrate any one thing, they demonstrate that the less money we leave our children, the better off they will be."

Some Christians will to the church, or some church institution, an amount equal to that inherited by each child. Others, who have lost a member of the family, remember some church institution with the amount that normally would have gone to that person. No doubt some would will a farm or other possessions to home and foreign missionary work, literature evangelism, or other worthy causes of the church. (It would be better to deed it than to will it. A life lease could be kept on the property by the owner. This would avoid the possibility of the will being contested.)

One need not have a large amount of money to remember God in his will. It would mean much to the Kingdom if every Christian would remember God's work in his will. Whether he has little or much, what he has should be safe-guarded by a will. Many well-meaning people neglect doing what they know they should do.

God said to Hezekiah, "Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live." Is our house in order? We, too, must die. Jesus said, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Let's remember God's great cause in our wills.  
—Selected and adapted

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#### A Continuing Ministry

What can be more encouraging than to know that if we invest our time, talent and treasure in the ministry of God's Word, our labor can continue to bear fruit beyond the years of our life. "He being dead yet speaketh . . ." Heb. 11:4. —Sel.

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