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### Jesus Calls The Sinner

This world is in an awful state—  
You know this to be true;  
So awake, poor soul, it's getting late—  
The Master calleth for you.

Unto a life of holiness,  
And from a life of sin;  
He's waiting now your soul to bless—  
Oh, won't you let Him in?

Seek Him while He may be found,  
Call ye on Him while He's near;  
He'll loose the soul that sin has bound  
And remove tormenting fear.

A present help in time of need,  
The Lord will be to you;  
He'll prove Himself a friend indeed—  
He'll surely help you through.

Behold, He stands at your door to knock—  
Don't turn the Lord away;  
You hold the key that turns the lock—  
Do let Him in, I pray.

He'll guide your soul to heaven above,  
To a land of eternal rest;  
Where there will be peace and joy and love,  
With the ransomed and the blest.

But those who reject His offered grace,  
And wander on in sin,  
Will wake up in an awful place—  
How sad will be their end!

In hell there'll be pain and sorrow,  
No water, rest, nor peace—  
No hope of getting out tomorrow,  
And torments never cease.

—Charles E. Taylor

### His Vesture is Dipped in Blood!

As any housewife can attest, the most difficult stains to remove are those made by grease, oil, tomatoes and blood. There are also certain fabrics which hold stains more readily. Generally as soon as a garment is stained is the best time to remove that stain. Washing blood stains in cold water before the blood has had time to dry is the preferred method. Even then, there is often a brownish ring at the edge of the stain which is almost always impossible to remove. Bleach removes some blood stains at the cost of eating away fabric fibers, thus weakening the material.

No knowledgeable housewife would even consider washing clothes in blood. She would have a bigger mess than what she started with.

Yet the blood of Christ is more potent, with greater cleaning power than the best biodegradable, low-phosphate detergent on the market today!

"What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow, no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus."

The applied blood of Christ leaves a bright, streak-free, stain resistant soul. Have you gotten a vision of the Blood of Christ?

The old timers often spoke of "seeing" Calvary. Have you seen Calvary? Have you had a vision of the blood of Christ? Do you realize your vision may become dim? How is your missionary zeal? How is your prayer life? How is your reading life? How is your life of meditation? These are all required to make a healthy, well-rounded Christian. We can not leave one part off without it affecting our inner man.

When did you last weep during a sermon? When did you last shout aloud for joy? Clap your hands in appreciation for what God has done?

Have you ever considered asking God to enlarge your vision? Has He visited you unexpectedly? Was your welcome mat out?

If you take a Scripture dealing with the prophecy and also the fulfillment of Christ and read them aloud, over and over again until the tears flow, I can guarantee you'll have a vision of Christ, His sacrifice and His blood.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns: and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God." Rev. 19:11-13.

"I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury: and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment." Isaiah 63:3.

The pathos of those Scriptures! Jesus trod the winepress alone. Alone. All alone. All men, His disciples, fled the night of Christ's agony and trial. They slept through the garden and His High-Priestly prayer. They fled because they feared what the soldiers and multitude might do. They fled because they were powerless to do otherwise. We would have done the same! And so, we see the Son of God treading the winepress alone, staining His vesture with His own blood. But HE AROSE! a mighty monarch to reign over all His foes.

He appears before the Father in our behalf, with His clothes dipped in blood. Right from the battlefield He appeared at the throne of the Majesty in the heavens in behalf of Stephen, His clothes dripping.

No one else could make the sacrifice because all of our clothes (souls) were stained with sin. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Heb. 10:4. His precious blood has not lost its power to save and keep, and sanctify. We can apply for our share by praying to the Father in Christ's name. It is only through the merits of His shed blood that God answers our petitions.

Read those Scriptures aloud again and again and again until your tears flow freely, your vision is enlarged, and you see yourself, your family and the world guilty before God. Then you will see Christ standing at the bar of heaven's court for each, interceding with the Father for

forgiveness, deliverance, grace and the full benefits of Christ's shed blood.

Because His vesture was dipped in His own blood.  
—Vesta-Nadine Severs

## The Deeper Side



"Deep calleth unto Deep at the noise of thy waterspouts; All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." Ps. 42:7. We all have had our emotional disturbances in life whether it be sorrow or joy. Overwhelmed by life's experiences, it catches us off guard and we are carried away with the tides and waves of our human emotions or feelings. Fear, grief, joy; a sudden surprise or disappointment changes our mood which is often unstable and undependable. King David was surrounded by the noises of his adversaries which brought about emotional disturbances in his own life. Circumstances and waters of adversities overwhelmed him at times. In Psalm 23 He said, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters." Many times God wants to lead us in areas that will quiet us down. We have often heard it said that, "Quiet waters run deep". I have been in shallow waters, where the waves and billows beat against rocks. The noise and the disturbances in these waters warn of danger for ships that pass by. Lighthouses are erected warning us to stay clear from these areas. I have also been on the ocean in big ships that sailed in deep waters; all the commotion that you hear in these waters are surface winds and elements that effect surface parts of the ocean. Men that have been in submarines that merge deep in the ocean, tell us that **quietness** prevails all the time. It is not affected by surface winds that blow upon it.

Trusting God performs a very important role in our relationship with Him. A deep commitment to God must be permanent and settled in all that touches our lives. In Prov. 16:3, we read, "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established." Also Psalms 37:5, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Let's keep in mind that all that God brings to pass in our lives is meant to bring spiritual advancements, and to further His cause. The physical part of our lives is affected by the external conditions and influences that bring grief, sorrow, heartaches, disappointments, fear, joy, excitement, and anxiety. In these areas, it is very easy to lose our balance and steady trust in God. Tides and waves of our emotions will overwhelm us till we lose sight of God's paramount purpose in bringing these things to pass in our

lives. We forget that there is a deeper side of this where external joys and sorrow will not cause us to be off balance. There is a deeper praise and adoration that God wants out of our lives, more than just external praises. A **deep humble** heartfelt praise to God is always in order. In 1 Cor. 7:29-31, "But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;" It is meant here to let the tie that binds be loose enough to where God is supreme in our lives. Also, "And they that weep as though they wept not; and they that rejoice as though they rejoice not." The chief thought here is that these overwhelming experiences that produce weeping and rejoicing ought to produce a deeper settling down in our spiritual lives where we can produce greater fruit bearing.

Don't dwell too much on our sorrows, and forget that there is some spiritual good in it for us, and don't let our rejoicing cause us to be careless, and draw people's attention to the outward display of our carried away emotions. There is a glad emotion that springs forth deep in the heart that brings forth some tears of joy, heartfelt praise to God. "Oh, what a glad emotion, living in pure devotion, Peace like a mighty ocean! I'm happy redeemed and free!" The song writer proclaimed that there are outward expressions of joy and sorrow. This should not be the main attraction to determine spirituality or a good meeting. The fruit that we bear and the spiritual benefits we have received through these experiences should be the paramount issue.

"Deep calleth unto deep." What is deeper than the heart of man? Psalms 64:6 speaks of the heart being deep. Whatever we set our hearts on we get deeply involved in. What is deeper than Eternity, unlimited and unending? Eternity is making an appeal to our hearts, to a deeper godliness, a deeper humility, a deeper joy that can be expressed through a consistent life of obedience; where our conscience approves us, because we are promoting unity among the brethren. The Apostle Paul said in 2 Cor. 1:12, "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience . . ." Let's not be affected by emotional display more than the Spirit of God witnessing in our hearts of His acceptance and approval. The manifestation of the Spirit of God is the fruit that we bear. The flesh expresses the working of the Spirit through tears, or humble shouts and praise to God, but never in an unseemly way. Lifting up Holy hands or a smile of victory are shouts of proclamation of our deep experiences with God. One meaning of shout is; a proclamation or a declaration. Let us declare His wonders of the deep, whether it be in a humble audible voice of deep praise, or a silent

manifestation of the meekness of Christ. Let's remember it is to God that we honor Him and not unto man. Let's launch into the deep for a closer walk with God.

Your brother in the One True Way,  
—Donald W. Sharp, Sr.

### Having The Right Vision

The other day I was speaking to my husband about the power that is in television. Even very small children can be held by its attraction. If something can appeal to all ages, backgrounds, nationalities, vocations, incomes and all types of people, it must be ruled by a strong force.

I thought of all the vile and sinful things it can fill your mind with. It can get your thoughts and emotions involved with wicked and vain imaginations; things that can destroy your soul. It is programmed for the flesh. It is sad to think that so many people give it a fond place in their hearts and homes. "Let worldly minds the world pursue, It has no charms for me; Once I admired its trifles, too, But grace hath set me free."

I recall a minister once saying, "We need a better vision than the television." Yes, and thank God for the true vision, the one John saw coming down from God out of heaven; the new Jerusalem; the Church of God. She has a wondrous attraction for me. Not only can she draw people of all ages, races, nationalities, vocations and incomes, but she surpasses all that earth holds dear, as she reigns over sin all the time. Praise God.

In her services is nothing fleshly, sinful, vile or vain. She is undefiled, holy and "There's no spot in her." She leaves no ill effects on the mind, thoughts or emotions. Glorious things are spoken of her. She imparts peace that passeth all understanding, joys that flow like a river, and charity that never faileth. Thank God, it's no act or show. It's a reality.

Can you see the Church? Have you walked about Mount Zion? When you get a glimpse, when you get a vision, it will spoil you for anything else. "I am lost in its splendor and beauty, to its ne'er fading heights I would rise . . ."

A few years ago in Wichita, KS, a cable television man came by. After realizing that we didn't have a television and why, He began to tell me about a "Praise the Lord" station. Well, Glory to God, I didn't need his. I had found that station some time ago at the cross, "Oh, we cannot cease to sing Praises to our Heavenly King . . ." Furthermore, it's located even beyond the satellite zone. It's "Far above this world's confusion, Walking close by Jesus' side, Leaning on His loving bosom, Is the Church, His chosen bride."

—Tina Cox

## EDITORIALS

He has left us a rich heritage in memories that we will always cherish. We realize that things will never be the same, that there will be times when we will keenly miss his helpful

presence, but it encourages us to know that the same spirit that he possessed can dwell in us. Our only request is that of Elisha to Elijah, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." II Kings 2:9.

On behalf of my mother, Frances, my sisters, Kathleen and Patsy, my brother Willie, myself and our families, I would like to thank all of the saints and friends who stood by us in this time of sorrow. The telephone calls, cards, flowers, food, words of encouragement and offerings were greatly appreciated. This show of support has enlarged our hearts with love and gratitude. Each kindness was noted with appreciation. May God bless each one.

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A cassette tape in memory of my father has been completed. It includes the last *Mission Trail* broadcast that was put together by my brother, Willie E. Murphey, the testimony that my father gave at the Monark Springs Camp-meeting this summer and the funeral service.

These tapes are available for \$2.00 each, which includes the price of a good quality tape plus the postage and handling. Order the "Willie C. Murphey Memorial Tape" from: Clifford Smith, 4795 Gardner Rd. S. E., Salem, OR 97302.

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With this issue we have enlarged the size of the print of the *Faith and Victory*. Although this will limit the space somewhat, it will make the paper easier to read.

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In stock and available for the price of \$1.50 each, are 1986 wall calendars. Each calendar measures 7¼ by 13½ inches and includes a colorful nature scene for every month. Remember to include 75¢ for postage and handling.

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We recently reprinted a number of books that needed to be restocked. As a result, we must soon place an order for a shipment of paper. We request your prayers that God will supply for this great expense, and will also make the Print Shop an effective avenue through which souls can be reached and encouraged.

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#### Correction

In the October issue we printed a testimony by Sis. Clarice Pruitt. In referring to conditions resulting from the wreck in which her husband, Byron, was killed, the article should have read, "There have been several complications, such

as: no witnesses willing to tell what happened, a dozer working nearby, moving her (the woman who was involved in the accident) car before the police came, to prevent its burning."

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Sis. Maude Hornbeck, who helps in the work here at the Print Shop, has been in California staying with her sister Wilma. Wilma has been seriously ill and still needs much prayer. Sis. Maude has not been feeling well in her body either. Pray that she will have strength to be of help to her sister.

—Wayne Murphey

## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### WICHITA MEETING REPORT

Again we thank the Lord for a blessed meeting in Wichita. The Lord was so faithful to answer our prayers and send us what we needed. It is awesome to see how marvelously God works. The truth surely is marching on and the Word was delivered so pure, straight and clear.

We desire to be a brighter light so that people can see where the truth is. God wants us to tell the world that "Salvation has been brought down." Praise God! We thank God for every blessing we received during the meeting and praise our Heavenly Father for His continued goodness to us. We really appreciate every servant of God who followed God's leading and obeyed their burden to come and do whatever God told them to do. All glory goes to God for all good that the meeting accomplished.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

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### HOLLY HILL, SC MEETING REPORT

God did richly bless in this meeting. Souls were helped and came closer to God. Some saw their needs, but some refused. Pray that God will give them another chance. The attendance was very good. We had saints from NC, KY, WV, and OK. We appreciate everyone and we are looking for ministers to come this way for another meeting when God leads them. The door is always open to the saints.

May God bless each one of His children.

—Utson Platt

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### REVIVAL AT SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

It has been announced that, Lord willing, a revival meeting will be held November 17-24, at the Church of God chapel in Sapulpa, OK, with Bro. Eddie Wilson being the evangelist. This meeting will be preceded with a singing on

Saturday night, Nov. 16th. On Sunday, the 17th, there will be dinner served on the grounds for all who would like to enjoy the fellowship of the saints. All are welcome to attend these revival services.

For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Richard Madden: 6250 S. 97th W. Avenue, Sapulpa, OK, 74066. Phone: (918) 446-8202.

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#### LOS ANGELES, CA FALL REVIVAL

The annual Fall Revival at Los Angeles, California will convene 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, November 29, 1985, and continue ten nights to December 8, 1985.

There will be day services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st, Saturday, December 7th, and Sunday December 8th.

All are invited to attend these services. Holy ministers will be present to preach the gospel.

The chapel is located at 1381 Walnut Street; corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets. Phone (213) 745-9474.

For further information, contact Bro. T. R. Summers at: 711 W. 85th St., Los Angeles, CA 90044. Phone (213) 752-1135 or Bro. William Johnson at: 945 Ashbridge Lane, Harbor City, CA 90710. Phone (213) 325-8277.

—Written by Sis. Leon Phillips

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#### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA FALL MEETING

The saints at Fort Lauderdale, Florida desire to have a fall meeting to the glory of God. The date of this meeting has been set for Dec. 10-15, 1985. We are praying the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choosing.

Meetings are planned for 7:30 each evening. We would like to give a special invitation for the young people to come and take part in the last Saturday of the meeting. A singing is planned for that night.

The location of the chapel is: 950 N.W. 29th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. For more information, contact Sis. M. B. Savage, 100 S.W. 18th Ave., Apt. 303, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33312, Phone (305) 763-8690, Bro. R. L. McIntyre at (305) 233-2166 or Bro. Charles Clay (305) 235-4271.

—By Sis. M. B. Savage

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We can be the truest and best blessing to others only when we live victoriously ourselves. We owe it, therefore, to the needy, sorrowing, tempted world about us to keep our inner life calm, quiet, strong, restful and full of love, in whatsoever we must live. The one secret is to abide in Christ.

—Selected

## In Memorial

Willie C. Murphey was born on October 22, 1916 to Jasper Newton and Elmey Vise Murphey near Jena, La. He passed from this life on September 24, 1985, at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 2 days.

At the age of 16 he received the Lord as his personal Savior and shortly thereafter he felt called to consecrate his life as a minister. In 1935, in answer to the call to print gospel literature, he moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where he became associated with the Church of God. In June, 1942, he was united in marriage to Frances E. Pruitt. Together they have endeavored to spread the gospel to all of the world. This was done as a personal minister and as a broadcaster and publisher of *The Mission Trail*.

He is survived by his wife, Frances of the home; 2 daughters, Kathleen McMurrin of Harrison, Arkansas and Patsy Smith of Salem, Oregon; 2 sons, Willie E. Murphey of Enid, Oklahoma, and Wayne Murphey of Guthrie, Oklahoma; 9 grandchildren; 2 brothers, J. N. Murphey of Ft. Payne, Alabama and Phillip Murphey of Tallahassee, Florida; 2 sisters, Maybelle Ussery, and Orene Mann, both of Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of God Chapel, Guthrie, OK, by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Richard Madden. Burial was in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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#### IN MEMORIAM OF BRO. WILLIE MURPHEY

His typewriter now is covered,  
His pen has been laid by;  
God has called him homeward,  
Where he never more shall die.  
His work on earth is finished,  
Oh, so many souls were blest,  
For his dear paper filled the earth  
With God's own righteousness.  
He's laid his sheaves at Jesus' feet  
And heard His words, "Well done."  
This is what he lived for,  
And now his race is won.  
He's joined the heavenly family  
Beyond the setting sun.

—By Sister Grace Jones

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You cannot find a true Christian on the face of the earth who will not tell you that what he gave up for Christ was nothing compared to what he received.

—Torrey

## Prayer Requests

PA—"Please remember me in prayer, I have lung and throat trouble."—Bernice McKenrick

TX—"Thank God for answering prayer but I have other requests." —Louise Strickland

CA—Sis. Ruth Shehee desires prayer.

IL—"Pray for Bill Riley. His eyes are failing and he needs healing." —Pauline R. Smith

OR—"I have several requests: Brother Don Williamson is suffering from high blood pressure, his wife is troubled with her gall bladder. Sis. Riley needs special prayer for healing. Also pray for her unsaved dear ones. I need healing to my body too." —Sis. Grace Jones

LA—"Remember our son who was injured on his job. He lost one finger and the other fingers need complete healing to be normal."

—Bro. and Sis. Ben Goldsberry

NY—"Please pray for my health, also for a grandson who has cancer." —Mae E. Smith

CA—"Our Lord is blessing us daily. I am waiting on Him and when He is ready He will heal my arm." —Sis. Letha Reece

(Remember she had a fall and was injured quite severely. Editor)

AL—"Please pray for the little flock here in Huntsville, also for an elderly lady who wants to be saved." —Ray R. Long

WV—"I have an unbearable condition in my body, pray for me and my lost family."

—A Christian

FL—"I need prayer for my back and bad memory." —Sis. Lydia Bennett

NC—"Pray for my healing, also for my two daughters." —Bunice Hope

NC—"We have endeavored to come out of a denomination, but somehow we are failing to have the victory. Please pray for us."

—Bro. Carl Hart

CA—"Please pray for me, I can hardly eat or drink." —Ella Nicoll

TX—"It has been learned from Sis. Jan Wood that her mother, Sis. Velda Ellis, who suffered a stroke, has passed away. Pray for the family.

Philippines—"Please remember us in your prayers." —Bro. and Sis. Rogelio Patricio

## YOUR CALL

The world is dark, but you are called to brighten  
Some little corner, some secluded glen;  
Somewhere a burden rests that you may lighten,  
And thus reflect the Master's love for men.

Is there a brother drifting on life's ocean,  
Who might be saved if you but speak a word?  
Speak it today. The testing of devotion

Is our response when duty's call is heard.

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## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From the Philippines . . .

Aug. 19—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey, Bro. George Hammond, all the saints in the Print Shop and everywhere in the world: Greetings in Jesus' name with God's blessing to every one.

The last few months I and my wife, Sister Rufa Salvana, joined hand in hand in working and visiting friends and relatives from town to barrios. With the Lord's spirit leading us, we know that we are serving our Master, Lord Jesus, for His kingdom.

Two families of my wife's sister and brother-in-law were converted and became members of The Church of God. In spite of how many kilometers away, we are happy to go and visit there even if we walk to reach them.

In the barrios some of my relatives and friends who were born Catholics, asked questions about the Church of God. Opening the Bible I read to them the book of Zachariah, chapter 14, and expounded to them about the last days of the evening time. They said it is the first time they had heard such teaching for the only thing they know is to go to the Catholic Church and hear the mass. They were not very much acquainted with the Bible. They were very happy to know more about the Scriptures, and I gave them a group open "forum" that they could ask any question about the Church and the Bible.

Now, they are very much interested in hearing the Bible when it is read to them. They invited us to visit them every week that they may know more about the Scriptures.

Next month we are planning to visit another town in between Gingoog City and Talisayan, this town is "Midina", a thickly populated town where two of our church members reside. Lord willing, I shall invite Bro. Capuyan from Gingoog City to join me in spreading the Lord's gospel in this place. We need your prayers for our mission work here in Northern Mindanao. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Love in Christ, —Leonardo Salvana

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Oct. 9—Dear Sister Pruitt: We're greeting you all in the name that can save, the name of Jesus. We received your letter several days ago and we are much rejoicing and thanking God for your very loving letter . . . Thank you so much also for the *Faith and Victory* which is very inspiring and encouraging. I can say that it is the only spiritual paper that contains complete diet for the soul.

I'm happy to report to you that more oppor-



tunities are being opened for the gospel work. A group of our elderly saints made an evangelistic campaign. They walked from one barrio to another. They held open-air services and house-to-house Bible studies. They were able to go to four barrios in one week and gave a good report to the church last Sunday. They said that they had big groups of people who were interested to know the truth. They plan to go back and stay longer to plant the seed of truth in these places.

We are so happy for your love for us. We long to see you all dear saints of God but we are so far apart with many miles but thank the Lord we feel so near in your hearts because of the love of Christ within us.

We have heard about the passing away of Brother Cecil Carver. We feel greater responsibility being laid on our shoulders while the old saints are going home one by one.

The reason why I was not able to write to you earlier is because I felt dizzy for several days. I found out that my blood pressure goes down very low. Some of our concerned saints advised me to take a rest but because of many schedules of Bible studies and request for services in the barrios, I continued my daily task trusting my Lord to help me. The verse came to my mind, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24. Praise God! I'm now feeling better and I'm not concerned about my blood pressure because I know my life is in the hands of my loving heavenly Father.

May I say again, thank you dear saints for your unending love for us.

With much love,

—Matias S. Tangunan and family

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From Ghana . . .

Sept. 23—Dear Sis. Maybelle, Bro. Wayne and all workers at the Print Shop and saints scattered abroad everywhere: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus.

Things are moving along about as usual here. We have been having lots of rain which pollutes the river water so I still have to boil water for drinking. It stays damp, sticky and hot. The covers of my Bible tend to mold.

I am keeping my weight up very well. Since the Lord brought me back from death's door I have been well, and I am encouraged to press the battle on here till my work is finished.

We have tried for a year and a half to find a place in Techiman for the pastor of the work there and his family to live but we just can't get

anything. What they want doesn't amount to much, just a big room divided by curtains into living and bedroom. They cook and eat outside. We have kept him going twice a week by bus to take care of the work, but it runs into money. We will have to drop the work there if there isn't a change soon because of finance and a place to stay.

The Wenchu work is doing fine. Bro. Marfo is spending much time there and he personally is growing in the Lord. It is truly wonderful what God has done and is doing for him and the work there.

We can use a lot of *Faith and Victory* papers. And we want to start a library of good Church of God books. If anyone feels inspired to help us out we will appreciate it. There is no duty on books.

I have received another three months on visa. Meanwhile I am still trying for a resident permit which will enable me to go and come at will.

I should be moving into my apartment in about two weeks. I have ordered a Private Mail Bag at the Kumasi-Ashanti Post Office in the name of the Church of God, Evening Light.

I will be very glad to get moved. I will be located in a good section of Kumasi called Bomoso Section, #17 Block B. A big university is located in this section. The apartment has a large living room, large veranda porch, where we will eat, two bedrooms, kitchen and private bath with toilet. So I am happy. It will be good to work in an upright position again after cooking, washing and cleaning on the floor.

A church will be started there soon, the Lord willing, and we are looking for several churches to spring up in Kumasi. It is a big city. Two of the preacher brothers who left us last year are considering coming back with us since they see the church going forward again. This is a real answer to prayer and we are so thankful for the way God is working.

Pray for us as we labor here in Ghana. The field is white (ripe) unto the harvest and the laborers are few. Just a few more days and it will all be over and we shall be real glad to hear the sweet words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Yours in His service,—Sis. Dorothy Keiser

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From Nigeria . . .

Sept. 5—Dear Wayne Murphey and all the saints: Greetings of love in the precious name. I trust everyone is well and happy in the service of our dear Lord and Saviour. I know you have much to do, keeping you all very busy. Thank



you very much for the books, tracts, and *Faith and Victory* you are mailing. They are all reaching us.

May the Lord give you strength and long life in service to Him. We too are praying for you night and day.

Yours in Christ, —B. Ben Taylor

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Sept. 19—Dear Bro. Wayne: In the love of God through Christ I send greetings to you and all the saints again. Like as was expressed by Paul, we offer thanks to God who “delivered” us from our enslavement to sin by “that form of doctrine.” (Rom. 6:17) No doubt he was referring to the “sound word” instituted by Christ which today is feared lacking in many quarters. We had our thoughts on this Scripture, “that form of doctrine”, last Sunday evening and were blessed as we find the Lord still nurturing us in these sound doctrines. It is regretful to note that many in the belief that they have accepted Christ, have become slaves to the devils unknown tongues, promotion of divisions, indulgence in wrong marriages, etc. I think we will be doing well to look on Christ in whom “dwell-eth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily”, and to stand firmly in this evening light truth. We shall then be able to aid many still in the clouds to come over. We pray God to sustain us.

Recently we have been studying the “Home Life” column in the *Faith and Victory* papers so even those not privileged to read could benefit from some of the truths. The one written by Charlotte Huskey in the July issue was last studied and we were all blessed by the Lord. Be encouraged to go on with the publication of these good articles. Thanks are due those who utilize the graces bestowed on them fully to the benefit of man.

We are grateful for the printed materials sent us. The booklets were shared to a brother in serious need of some. I have the idea of giving the Bible to someone in need. They are very costly here. That Bible bought at only \$5 there could cost over \$20 here. There are some who find it difficult to afford that.

You must have heard of the military coup in our country to effect change in the leadership. It was a minor one and did not endanger our lives. In fact the suffering had become so much that many had wished for a change. It appears we were heading towards total denial of human rights, including freedom of worship. We are watching what the present rulers will do to alleviate the suffering of the common man.

The effort of the dedicated staff of the Faith Publishing House is highly appreciated. May the Lord bless and prosper you all in Jesus

name. Remember us whenever you appear before our Father in heaven as we do here.

With you in the vineyard,

—F. Naths-Igbanibo

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From India . . .

Oct. 18—Our dearly beloved sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and the dear saints abroad: Greetings to you all again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ. Really I am unhappy to know that our dear Bro. Willie Murphey departed from us to eternal peace. Surely he was a source of spiritual influence to the whole church and so his long absence is a real loss to the church. I have many good memories of him. He took me to his home one day while I was at Guthrie to sup with him and Sis. Frances. I have been a long-time reader of *The Mission Trail* which was food to my soul. May the peace of God be with Sis. Frances and all her children and grandchildren.

The church activities in India are in progress in Kerala state and also in Tamil Nadu state. Our monthly meeting in the northern region took place at Challissery last Saturday. After that we had a blessed street meeting at Kootanad. Our monthly meeting in the southern region will be conducted this coming Saturday at Thrikkanna mangel. We had a whole day fasting and prayer meeting at Kalayapuram on the 27th of September. Most of our ministers and many Saints attended that meeting.

Please remember the needs of the new stations opened in Tamil Nadu quite recently. We need support to buy some Bibles (Malayalam) to distribute among the needy people. May God bless each donor for the furtherance of the ministry in India. I once again invite the saints in America to come to India to attend our general convention in January 1986 and also to visit our churches in South India.

With love and prayers, yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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From the Mailbox . . .

AR—One night I was tossing and turning in bed and could not sleep. My mind wouldn't shut off. There was a battle going on in my mind. Anyway, about 3 a.m., I was exhausted and cried out, “Oh, God, will there ever be any peace.” This is the answer to that cry.

Praise God, I shout, then say,

I lost my mind today.

I no longer have control,

Over my mind and soul.

The Holy Spirit came to dwell,

He now fights the voices of hell.

At last I have found that Peace,  
 And my tears of anguish cease.  
 That joy unspeakable of which I've read,  
 Envelops all my being instead.  
 It came to me last night,  
 That I no longer need to fight.  
 The God of Heaven set me free,  
 He took my mind away from me.  
 Praise God, is all I pray,  
 over and over, every day.

Amen!

This poem gave me such a peace that I immediately went to sleep. It, also, lets me know that He hears me and cares for me. Now, when I get to feeling bad, I can go and read God's gift for me. I do not write poetry, that is why I am so sure that this poem was a gift from God.

Love, your sister, —Pat Seagrave

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MO—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I am writing to let you know how much I enjoy reading your paper. It just fills my soul to read such wonderful messages from the Saints. I am saved and trusting in the Lord and living for Him each day. Nothing could make me lose faith in my Jesus.

Just pray for me, and keep up the good work.

Yours in Christ, —Sister Hattie Griffen

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AL—Dear Sis. Maybelle: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I trust this finds you well in body and soul. I am well, all praise be to God.

Well, it has been real dry here, but the dear Lord just sent us a good rain. He is so good to us...

We just want to live and do what little we can for soon it will be night when no man can work. May God bless you and the co-workers out there as you labor for Him . . .

Love and prayers, —Pearlene Whitson

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OK—Dear ones scattered abroad: Greetings. I am now here in the Golden Rule Home, Route 6, Box 10, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. I've truly appreciated the lovely cards and letters. My health will not permit me to answer all of them. I'm still in the furnace of affliction. I need the earnest prayers of each one. I'm still looking up.

In the Master's service,

—Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy

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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in the name of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This writing finds us much encouraged in our souls and determined by the grace of God to press on and make heaven our eternal home.

The Lord has been so good and faithful to us. Truly it is our desire to be faithful to Him.

We do appreciate the labors of the workers there in the Print Shop. We're praying that the Lord will continue to bless you, as you all continue to be a blessing to others.

Yours in the Lord,

—Paul and Sarita Phillips

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CA—Dear Sister Maybelle: Once again we send greetings over the miles to you as we send our thanks for the offerings you have sent from the saints. We indeed appreciate it and each one who has sacrificed and shared with us their means. We went to Chapultepec 2 or 3 weeks ago and felt that the Lord was truly with us all. It was a real blessing and felt that it was an encouragement to all. We still have some concern because we know the tactics of our enemy. We returned by way of EL VALLE DE TRINIDAD and visited and had services with the elderly Rosa couple. They were happy and encouraged. We have so much to pray for; a real need for consecrated workers.

Love,

—Edith Lara

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LA—Dear Sis. Maybelle and Bro. Wayne, and all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, the one that loves and cares for us, and hears and answers our prayers. What would we do without our dear Lord to help us in every needed way? Without our hope in the Lord we would be of all people most miserable. By His help and grace we don't mean to ever be without Him. He is our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble.

Thank you for what you are doing to spread the Truth—we appreciate you each one and pray God's blessing to rest upon you all.

Pray for me that I'll be faithful unto the end. We also have several requests for loved ones who need salvation. —Sis. Effie Miller

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CA—Dear Sister Maybelle Pruitt: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I am yet saved, sanctified, encouraged and happy to be a child of God. Please pray for my body. It is much weaker but I keep doing all I can for myself. My niece helps me with the heavy things.

My husband left me two years and nine months ago today. I always feel the loss at this time. It is only natural, I guess. I will be 87 years old the twenty-third of this month, but I feel blessed. God is so good to all of us. Thank you for your prayers and your love. God bless you and all of your co-workers is my prayer.

—Sis. Flora B. Davis

Can—Greetings to the dear saints at the Faith Publishing House: We trust that all of you there are well. We are enjoying the good paper you have been sending our way, and thank the Lord for your faithfulness. We read it over and over and it encourages us to go on.

We desire the prayers of the saints that we be filled with His Spirit at all times, and be led to know what His will is for us. The Lord God watches over us, supplies our needs and has given us many precious promises. Praise His holy name. God bless you as you print and send forth the *Faith and Victory* paper. The Lord has been so good to us, please remember our unsaved ones.

Yours in Christian love,

—George and Gertrude Schroeder

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NM—Dear Sister Maybelle: I am sorry I haven't answered sooner, but to you and all others I send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus our dear Lord and Savior.

The sun is beautiful this morning. We have had some winter already so we are thankful for pretty days.

Praise the good Lord, I love your dear and sweet letters which are just like sister Marie's. She wrote me many years. They were very good and encouraging, to the very last one. I just saw her one time but knew her well. I want to thank everyone for their prayers. May God bless every one there is my prayer.

Christian love, —Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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SC—Dear saints at the Publishing House: This is my testimony. I do enjoy the *Faith and Victory*, with all of its contents. It is often that we remember all of the prayer requests of the dear people. Thank God I am still encouraged to press on.

May God bless all of you dear saints at the Print Shop.

—Utson Platt

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LA—Dear Sister Pruitt, Bro. Murphey, and co-workers: Greetings once again in the name of Jesus.

It's been some time since the last time I wrote and I want you all to know that we are still encouraged as ever and endeavoring with all we have to hold up the standard as God is calling us to. We've been finding more opportunity to shine as the hour gets darker and darker. Please pray for us, that our faith fail not and that we can win as many as is possible to the Lord.

We here have been praying for you all and want you to know that we appreciate your labors.

The *Faith and Victory* paper continues to inspire us and I can't remember allowing a day to go by without making use of some, or at least one, of the gospel tracts. Pray for us, that God will bless each effort.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. John Clement

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OK—Dear workers and supporters of God's work: Thank you very much for the prompt response in supplying the six song books and Bible Study Lessons.

I was especially surprised and pleased, because the need for them is indeed very timely.

Further, the saint's songs themselves, carry important and enlightening messages. Therefore, many times the Holy Spirit is able to do His office work in the hearts and minds of people even without words being "spoken".

Please pray for our efforts here that they will be effectual.

Once again, thank you all for your consecration and support.

One of God's little ones,

—Bro. Elbert Johnson

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IN—Dear Brother Wayne: With a heart that's satisfied by Christ, I greet you and all the dear saints everywhere. Praise God for victory in my soul.

I am looking for my Jesus to split the Eastern skies any time. If this world was ever desperately wicked, it sure is now. I tell you dear ones, what we do we must do quickly. It is sad when people think God is out to follow them, instead of them following God. I say dear ones, we must follow the Bible if we go to heaven. It is the bylaws of heaven . . .

Remember me and the folks here when you pray.

As ever, your Brother in the one body,

—Nathan Mobley

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CA—Dear Sis. Maybelle and Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of our "Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. I'm thankful that I've been redeemed from the hand of our enemy; serving our Lord without fear in holiness and righteousness "the rest" of my days. Luke 1:74.

In Christian love, —Sis. Hazel Clark

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TX—Dear Saints: May God truly bless you in your work for Him.

Please remember us in prayer when you pray. My mother, Joyce Campbell, is really having trouble with her legs. The Lord healed

her, but the devil keeps trying to fool us. Pray that we may have strength and faith to hold on.

Please remember me in prayer that I can preach the truth and people will accept it.

I am sending this offering to help on the *Faith and Victory*. I'm so glad you sent them to me again. I think a lot of people are readily grasping the Lord.

Your brother in the Church,

—Clarence Campbell

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IL—Dear saints in Guthrie: I've been reading your paper for some time now. My mother, Mrs. Daisy Cox, who lives with me and is 88 years old, has taken the paper a long time. We both read every word in it. We thank the Lord because some people still believe in the true Church of God doctrine.

I have a prayer request for my brother-in-law, Bill Riley. He has had diabetes for a long time. His eyes are getting very bad. Please pray that he will be healed. I believe he needs faith because his father went blind from diabetes. He is a good Christian man and if God sees fit it would be wonderful to see him healed.

—Pauline R. Smith

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Virgin Islands—Dear friends: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus our soon coming King.

Just a few lines to let you know I have read one of your tracts, and it was really a big blessing to me. The title is, "You Can't Do Wrong and Get By." Truly your tract has made my day. Now I'm asking you to please send me some different tracts. I don't know the amount you usually send out, but send me a good amount for witnessing. Please let me know how much I have to send . . .

May the good Lord bless you all continually as you continue in His will,

Yours in the Lord, —Cathy Gittens

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### Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

OK—Greetings of love to all the dear workers at the Lord's Print Shop: I felt impressed to write in my testimony. I am still encouraged in the Lord. My physical condition has been under quite a bit of stress and pain, but I am thankful to God for touching my body. I do appreciate the dear saints' prayers; cards, letters, flowers and visits. "The Lord is so near and His saints are so dear." The Congregation here has been so wonderful. I can never forget the love shown to me.

I am still unable to walk on my own. I am still looking for complete healing of my right limb. I am waiting on God and I don't want to be struggling or complaining while He is working on me. I want His will to be done. Please keep praying for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Theresa Gaines

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NC—Dear Saints: In the name of our Lord and Savior, I am thanking the Lord for salvation and what He is to me. Praise His holy name! Saints, I would like to share something that the Lord has done for me. One: He saved my soul from a hot burning hell. Praise His name. Two: He has put a knowing in my heart that I am saved. Not just in my mind, but in my heart, because I love like I've never loved before. Oh, how I used to hate souls, for I was in sin. Sin makes you do a lot of things. I am free from all that Satan had on me. I am free, free, free! Praise His name! Three: Peace! Oh, I have peace in my soul when things around me are in a mess. I have peace in God. I am in Him and He is in me. This makes me satisfied knowing that He loves me enough to be with me that close. This is real peace to know that my Lord is by my side when I need Him. Oh, how comforting to know He cares.

I tell you, to say the word "saint" is one thing, but to be one is another story. This is a very high calling. I have looked in the dictionary at the word "saint". All I can do is thank the Lord for what He's making out of me. I am very thankful to be a monkey wrench for Him. Whatever He wants me to do I will do it. All I want to do is His will and obey His Word.

Saints, please pray much for me because I don't want to be overcharged and burn out. This thing in me is real. I know that.

God has put a know-so salvation in my heart. I know what I have on hand. Praise His name! This way is so good to me that all I can do is thank the Lord and cry. Saints, I will not give up this way for anything because it's all the world to me. I am so thankful that there is not an end to God's love and goodness to me. Praise His name.

With much love. —Bro. Jimmie McDonald

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CA—Dear Sisters and Brothers: I am a cerebral palsy victim. For many years, when my mother was living, she would read the *Faith and Victory* to me. I thought you might be interested to know that I have been a witness since the age of ten. I am saved and sanctified. I became a witness at the age of ten, when my mother and father made a trip to Washington, D. C. from our home in Compton, California. It would have been an extremely difficult trip for

me since I have great trouble getting around, so it was decided that I would stay with a neighbor, Sister Ethel Barbee, who was a saint in the Church of God. From that day on, I have been among the saints of the Church of God Sunset Guest Home in Pacoima, California. As many times as I have fallen down, the Lord has watched over me. I have never broken any bones. I am writing this because I wanted you to have my testimony.

Love,

—Sister Marilyn Rendall

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AR—Dear Sister Maybelle and Saints: I thank the Lord for this great salvation, for the saving and keeping grace that has kept me thus far and for the peace and joy I find in living for Him. I am thankful to be in the kingdom of God, which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. We do not have words to express our thanks to God for all He has done for us, what He is doing and will do as we keep our trust in Him.

I want to testify to what He has recently done for me. On July 2nd about three in the morning I awoke with an excruciating pain that filled my head. Dub (my husband) awoke and began praying. Feeling that he needed help, he called Poodle and Lenora since Brother John Varghese and Brother Orie Young were staying overnight there. They came and began praying. While in prayer God instantly took the pain from my head. In a short time my left arm began to numb and pain began in my armpits and chest, and numbness went into the other arm. Prayer was offered and once again God took all pain away. I was weak with an uncomfortable feeling in my head, but thought I could write some cards and read a little and that proved to be unwise, for it put me in a back-set condition.

While in this battle God gave me two visions or dreams. These were great blessings to me. The Lord gave wonderful peace and contentment and let me know that this was ordered by Him and that the saints and all heaven were backing me with their prayers. I thank Him for all the good I have received through this trial. God is very real, a present help in time of need. I thank Him for each time He would bring a song or His Word to my mind. He gave me a verse that first night to fight the enemy. Psalms 7:10, "My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart." What wonderful protecting, supporting, upholding power, when our defense is of God! The song, "I know," on page 106 of the *Evening Light* songbook, has a phrase in it that says, "I know God is, I know His Word unfailing meets each test." Surely that is true. We thank God for victory through Jesus. I am

able to do my housework now. I still cannot read too long at a time, but that continues to improve. Thank the dear Lord!

I could never tell you how much your prayers, words of encouragement, cards, telephone calls and visits have meant to me. Thank you, everyone. The Lord must have ordered each one at just the right time. God's timing is never off. I love Him and love His people. I surely want my life to please Him each day.

Christian love,

—Nellie Henderson

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OK—Dear Saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the Lord this morning that the dear Lord had mercy on me and my wife one more time.

We truly love the Lord and want to live for Him the remainder of our lives here on this earth.

I want to tell how the Lord has helped me in so many ways.

I had a malignant cancer on the right side of my head in 1982. I was not living for the Lord at that time, and the doctors had given me six months to live. I wanted to go to campmeeting and get saved and trust the Lord. I told my wife not to tell the children, but she couldn't keep it from them, so they wanted me to go to a doctor and have it removed. I gave in to have it done, but I knew that the Lord was the only one that could help me. The night before the operation I told the Lord if He would bring me thru this I would live for Him the rest of my life. The Lord had mercy on me. The first chance I got to go to church was at Prattsville, Arkansas where Bro. Danny, Bro. Tommy and Sister LaVern Manuel were in a meeting. Wife and I got saved. Oh, how happy and thankful we were to be back with God's people. Satan has many traps for people to fall into if they live for him. He is a liar and people can never be truly happy living for him.

In November of 1983 I ruptured a disk in my back. I didn't know what had happened to my back. I had just got up out of bed and I couldn't stand up nor sit. I just fell to the floor it was such severe pain. I laid there for some time. My wife called for prayer for me and then I was helped onto a recliner chair and the Lord gave me some relief. I had x-rays made to see what was wrong with my back as I could not move my right leg. The doctor said, "I know how you believe but if you don't have an operation on your back you will never walk again." I told him no. I was trusting God and I believed I would walk again. Bro. Wayne Murphey came by and had prayer with me. I sure appreciate the Saints and their prayers. The Lord helped me and I am walking again. The doctor came

by my locksmith shop later and saw me walking and said, "You never did have that operation, did you?" I said, "No."

Last spring I had a sore come on my head that I believe was another cancer. My wife asked me what I was going to do about it. I said I was going to trust the Lord. I was going to be like Job, the Lord knows the way that I take. The Lord healed it completely. One day it started bleeding real bad and the Lord just let it fall off in my hand. It didn't even leave a scar. Praise the Lord. We desire your prayers that we will always be true to our Lord.

Christian love,—Lenard and Mary Marler

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OK—Dear Saints and Readers: I truly thank the Lord for His many rich blessings to us. He is an ever present help in time of need.

As I think back through the past 40 years of my life, since Jesus first revealed Himself to me, my heart swells with gratitude and thankfulness. I praise Him with all my being. I was raised in a home where the Bible was never read, nor prayer ever heard. The Lord's name was only used as a curse word. God truly kept His hand over me and His watchful eye followed me. He knew I desired a different life, but I knew not where to turn, nor did I know what I was searching for. Then through what was to be my future husband, I heard the sweetest story ever told, and I came to know the beautiful children of God. My heart was touched and Jesus reached down His loving hand and forgave a poor sinner such as I. Oh, praise His name! How light and free my heart was. Jesus has been my dearest Friend these many years. Truly my heart's desire is to be all that God wants me to be in this life.

After being saved I had many lessons to learn. God had to reveal His Word and commandment to me. His Word is precious. It was and is a "lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." Ps. 119:105. If we love His Word and desire to please Him, we can never go astray.

God's precious Holy Spirit will lead and guide you into all truth. (John 16:13) It was some time before I heard the doctrine of sanctification, to fully surrender our body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. (Rom. 12:1) This is our reasonable service. When God showed me this second work of grace was needful, I turned my life over to Him. What a wonderful blessing I received. By His grace I want to walk in God's way, trusting Him to lead the way to glory.

Many times along the way there have been trials, but Jesus has always been there to lift and carry the heaviest load. With a Scripture,

song or an encouraging word, He has given courage to press on.

Oh, dear ones, it is precious to trust in Jesus, both soul and body. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb. 13:8) God has been my healer down through the years. At times I have been healed instantly of things that were considered serious. Other times I had to wait until the work was done. Now I am trusting Him for my eyes. They have always been very near-sighted but now there is a cataract on the one eye that I have sight. Then the last time I had them checked the optician said there was something else obstructing the sight and there is no further correction for this eye. God knows all about this and my trust is in Him. Those that know the worth of prayer and feel burdened, please pray.

The Lord blessed us with seven children. We trusted them to His care. They are all grown and married. Now we have lovely grandchildren. Yes, it has been a good life to trust in Jesus. The Psalmist spoke true, "Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes." Ps. 119:68.

By the grace of God, I want to continue to live for the Lord all the days of my life. Each day is precious, so we need to live, as this may be the last. For truly our life is but a vapor, soon to pass away and be no more. (James 4:14)

It behooves each of us, if we are not saved, to consider our ways, and seek forgiveness of our sins, and live faithful lives for the Lord, that we may hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Matt. 25:21b. What little we may suffer down here, it will truly be worth it all when we see the face of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Yours in His service,—Sis. Dorothy Wilkins

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FL—Dear Sister Maybelle Pruitt and workers at the Print Shop: I would like to share my burden with the Saints of the most high God, nationwide. I am a child of God.

As I was fasting, after prayer, I laid down and something came to my feet like electricity. Then it went into the middle of my back and I said, "Get out of here," and it left at my command. I praise God for that. I mean to please God. These Scriptures come to my mind, I Cor. 1:10, Isaiah 52:8, and Romans 13:10-12.

Let us pray for each other in the name of the Lord Jesus. Love and prayers,

—Kathleen Williams

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OK—Dear saints: We love the Lord and are grateful for how He does watch over His children. We thank the Lord for His special care

and love over us recently, and how He answered prayer.

Three weeks ago as our sixteen-year-old son, Phillip, was riding a horse at a fast speed, looking for a certain calf, the saddle strap broke and he had a hard fall. None of the family knew it had happened and he laid there close to an hour. He was in too much pain to try to get home. His daddy came by fairly close on his way home at dusk from the wheat field, and saw an arm waving some distance away. It was Phillip in shock and quite cold. He suffered much, vomited and passed blood. He blacked out as he tried to get up once in the night. He wasn't able to get but a few minutes of sleep at a time for several nights and days. The Lord was good to bring some relief from pain and agony after the first day and a half, when we were so much in need of His help.

We felt the Lord gave us this Scripture after quite a battle the second night. "Be not afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36b. His vomiting stopped the next morning and the blood he was passing cleared up in a few days. After about a week, Phillip was able to eat some solid foods. The second Wednesday night, which was a week and a day after it happened, the Lord gave more special relief from pain. His nerves were more calm so that he was able to sleep at longer intervals. He didn't talk at random and in delirium like he had, for which we thank the Lord. Phillip didn't have any visible bruises nor broken bones.

Phillip has gone to school the last two days and the Lord has helped him not to tire while there. We thank the Lord, too, that the school didn't give us any trouble by having him out so long.

We just can't thank God enough for being so good to us through all of this. We want the dear saints to accept our thanks for all the cards, calls and especially for your laboring in prayer, which went to the throne of God in behalf of this case. We thank all the ministers' offers to come and be with us and for the two that did come and anointed him and tarried before the Lord with us.

Phillip gave his heart to God a few years ago and we all have learned some precious lessons through this trial. We thank Him for His many promises that He preserved down through the ages for us to accept. "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." Psalm 91:14, 15.

Thanking you again for all of your concern,  
—Gail and Nina Kelly

## Question and Answer Column

by  
Ostis B. Wilson

I have no question to answer or discuss this month and in looking through some of my old letters I came upon this composition which I received in my mail maybe six or eight years ago from Olive Hicks of Goodland, Kansas. I read it over again and it struck me as being highly important and beneficial to every reader. So I send it forth to you in the name of the Lord just as she herself composed it and sent it to me with the possible exception of inserting here and there the full Scripture text where she only gave the Scripture reference (chapter and verse).

### The Wisdom of the Bible

"The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It has been a greater influence on mankind than all other forces put together. It is the most significant literary work existing in the world because it excels in beauty, power, and depths of contents. In this Book are infinite wisdom and infinite love. Between its covers are the mind and heart of God; for man's good, for His guidance, and his spiritual nourishment. It is a book of faith, and a book of morals, and a book of religion; but it is also a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man.

"The Bible teaches us how to find joy in sorrow, strength in weakness, and light in darkest days; how to bear adversity and scorn and how to fight life's battles courageously. The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of thinking, and the most comfortable way of growing. The Bible is God's chart for us to steer by; to show us where the harbor is; helping all who come to it to live above the problems and troubles of life.

"The Bible stimulates the conscience and defines principles of right and wrong. It strengthens the will and this forms character. It can restore to us faith in the values of truth, beauty and goodness. Points of view found in the Bible have their value for today.

"Men cannot be well educated without the Bible, for knowledge of the Bible is a liberal education. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and origins have found in the Bible words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration, and it has been to them a fountain of strength and an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the mind and soul. The more we read the more it will become plain to see what things are worthwhile and what are not and what things make men happy. The Bible can give men forti-



tude and steadiness of faith and vision. It has continued to be a source of power in the lives of men.

"To the influence of this great Book are we indebted for all the progress made in civilization.

"In 2 Tim. 3:15, Paul wrote, 'And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.' The eighth chapter of Proverbs glorifies wisdom throughout. Beginning with verse 22 it goes on to tell how wisdom was with God when He created the heavens and the earth and all things therein.

"In 2 Tim. 3:16-17 (And here I insert the full text which was not in the original manuscript) 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works'. "Since God inspired all of the Holy Scriptures, we see that the Bible expresses the thoughts of God and is our source of true wisdom.

"In Matt. 7:24 Jesus said, 'Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock.'

"Col. 3:16 says, 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.'

"1 Cor. 1:25 says, 'Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man.'

"1 Cor. 2:6-8 says, 'Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect, yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.'

"Job 28:12 says, 'But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?' Then Job 28:28 says, 'Behold the fear of the Lord is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.' (And let me insert right here that you read all the intervening verses between Job 28:12 and Job 28:28, extolling wisdom.)

"The Bible shows us ourselves. It is the only dependable mirror in which we can see ourselves as God sees us.

"May God teach us to cherish the beauty and greatness of His wisdom and how to live so as to bring joy and blessings into the lives of others. And may God lead us on to the highest wisdom; to know ourselves and to know Him." (And I insert here my own 'Amen' to this thought.)

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Jesus came to save that which was lost, the Spirit to preserve that which was found.—Sel.



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"It seems good to us to be back again in the office and Print Shop, doing the work that the Lord has made weighty upon our hearts. For about ten days I was unable to put my foot to the floor without awful pain and suffering. Thanks be to God and the prayers of the saints He has touched my foot and leg with healing virtue and it is so much better at this writing that we can be in the office at work again. All praises be to His matchless name."

—Fred Pruitt

"Getting the gospel to lost souls in these evil days is a very important work to be doing. If we continue to make these sacrifices the unsaved will get help. I believe this will please the Lord. We see the Word in Mark 12:42-44 how the Lord commended the poor widow."—W. T. Tomlin

"Oh, brother, we have a wonderful God. I am so glad that I can report victory in my soul, and that I am able to make (or about) a living selling some things that are light to carry and that sell easily. I hand out literature that you send me and do personal work, telling the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bless His dear name!"

—D. N. Slagell

"One evening this summer, while sitting in the back yard, I saw an airplane. I thought about what man has done and can do, then my attention was drawn to the stars that were shining so bright. I thought of the power of our God, and the song came to my mind, 'How Great Thou Art.' How good and how merciful God is to His creation, even to the sinners that trample His mercy under their feet." —Verga McCoy