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Blessed Be His Name!

I have a Friend whose faithful love
Is more than all the world to me;
'Tis higher than the heights above,
And deeper than the soundless sea;
So old, so new, so strong, so true—
Before the earth received its frame
He loved me. Blessed be His name!

His was the highest place above,
Adored by all the sons of flame,
Yet, such His self-denying love,
He laid aside His crown, and came
To seek the lost; and at the cost
Of heavenly rank and earthly fame,
He sought me. Blessed be His name!

It was a lonely path He trod,
From every human soul apart;
Known only to Himself and God
Was all the grief that filled His heart;
Yet from the track He turned not back
Till, where I lay in want and shame,
He found me. Blessed be His name!

Then dawned at last that day of dread
When, desolate, yet undismayed,
With wearied frame and thorn-crowned head
He, now forsaken and betrayed,
Went up for me to Calvary;
And, dying there in grief and shame,
He saved me. Blessed be His name!

Long as I live my song shall tell
The wonders of His matchless love.
And, when at last I rise to dwell
In the bright home prepared above,
My joy shall be His face to see,
And bowing then with loud acclaim
I'll praise Him. Blessed be His name!

—C. A. Tydeman

Hope for the Heart



Have you become weary in well-doing? Are you tired of keeping the house clean, fixing meals and doing laundry? Are you tired of punching that same time clock, paying bills and just being responsible? Are you afflicted and tired of it? Are you tired of thinking of others and not of yourself so much? Are you tired of forgiving seven times seventy?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please read on. This is a message for Christians who are on the brink of despair. (I Thess. 4:13) It is also for sinners who are in despair.

The devil has an ancient lure for everyone. "Come and taste of the forbidden fruit of leisure!" he roars, "Run away from it all and live for yourself!" The devil tells people to run, sometimes mentally, sometimes physically, but he never tells them where they are going. Run for money, run for pleasure, run for someone else's husband or wife, run for beer, wine, tobacco, cocaine. The devil himself is running to and fro upon the face of the earth (Job 1:7) and he has millions of people running. Where to, they know not. There is only hope in the truth and the devil does not tell the truth. The devil lies (John 8:44) and offers no hope. In the truth, there is

hope for the heart and soul of man. That is why we are reaching out with the truth today.

The life of this world offers no abiding satisfaction. Perhaps King Solomon was looking out the window of his tall palace when he wrote about vanity in Ecclesiastes. "This is also vanity and vexation of spirit." (Eccles. 4:4) "Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun." (7) "There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: . . . Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit." (16) Vanity: any thing or act that is worthless. So what is vanity? The world, and it soon will be dissolved in fervent heat and all the works of the world. (II Peter 3:10-12) King Solomon in all his glory realized the dissatisfaction of life and he called it vanity. John called it the lust of the world. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world." I John 2:16. Adam and Eve brought this trouble to mankind when they yielded to lust and ate of the forbidden fruit. Those of the Old Testament covenant could only hope in the promises of God, but today we can have abiding hope in the heart through the blood and resurrection of the second Adam, or Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15:15)

Are you one of a million running after the lust of the flesh, your selfish wants, pleasure, fornication? Are you running after the lust of the eyes, money, rich array, beautiful things? Are you running to obtain the pride of life, power and prestige over your peers? Then you are in despair. The devil has you running after illusions. He never tells people that there is everlasting life, a God to please and a crown to win. That is why so many million perish. Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Prov. 29:18). Do not be among the perishing. Get a good vision of eternity and where you are going.

The race of life is not for the swift, but time and chance is given to each one. (Eccles. 9:11.) You have only so much time to live (Ps. 39:5) and what will you do with the chance of life? That chance determines your destiny. Do you choose to chance the fading vanity of this world and run for it? No, it does not satisfy and it has no hope. Do you choose to live for God and run the spiritual race? God continues to offer fresh hope for the heart of each who seeks after Him. Have faith in God, (the Father) and Jesus Christ (the Son). In this faith, there is hope (Heb. 11:1). If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end (Heb. 3:6), there is a gift of everlasting life waiting for us. For the wages of sin, there is no hope, no reward. (Romans 6:23.)

Once saved through the blood of Jesus Christ, you have only the spiritual Christian race set before you and it need not be a weary race. The weights of sin have been set aside (Heb. 12:1), and there is hope and help for the Christian. (John 14) Hope in the fact that there is a crown waiting for all who are faithful. "So run, that ye may obtain . . . Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly . . . But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection." I Cor. 9:24-27. The apostle Paul tells us to lay aside the weights of sin and keep our bodies (temporal lust) under control so that we will run with patience and gain an eternal reward.

As asked previously, are you weary in well-doing? If you are a Christian and the race is tiring you down, perhaps you are letting weights hang upon your soul that need not be there. If you are not saved, you are running with heavy weights, with no comforting help, and no hope of an eternal reward.

Oh, lay aside those weights of sin that so easily beset a runner! Run with patience in the hope of eternal reward. We are saved by hope. (Romans 8:20-24) The creature is subject to vanity, but the spiritual soul of man need not be in bondage to vanity, lusts and sin. You can run the Christian spiritual race with peace, satisfaction and joy and know there is a crown waiting for you. Anchor your life in Jesus Christ and keep hope in the heart.

Hope in Heaven. (Col. 1:5) Hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:3) Hope in the Scriptures. (Rom. 15:4) Hope in the coming of our Lord and Savior. (Tit. 2:13) "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I John 3:3. The tiring weights of sin are laid aside when hope in the heart is anchored in Jesus Christ. If the devil has you running for temporal gain or vanity, you will always be running, running, running, until death, and what then? Judgment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. "Have hope toward God, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15.

Put the joy of everlasting hope into the everyday duties of life. ". . . whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31. However, do not trust in uncertain riches that are vanity. Apply the blood of Jesus Christ to your heart and sanctify your life daily. Jesus Christ tells us to lay up treasure in heaven (Matt. 6:20) where there is eternal life. Treasures of honesty, clean habits, faithfulness and well-doing (James 2:21-25); will last unto the end. (Rev. 2:26).

Let every person be responsible, faithful workers for the Lord Jesus Christ knowing this, that in due season ye shall reap if you faint not. (Galatians 6:9) —Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Awake, America, Awake

We need to remember that this nation was founded by our forefathers who had a firm belief in God. Even if all the people were not Christian, there was on the whole a high standard of morals. The majority so conducted themselves that this nation was known as a Christian nation. This is the main reason as to why we have enjoyed the highest standard of living in the world, and have been blessed in the past in many ways. Even though it is popular to claim this nation as a Christian nation, it is not. This is the main reason that so many terrible and tragic things are happening, and things are getting worse. The Word of God says that as we sow, so shall we reap, and we are reaping. (Galatians 6:7) We are going to reap much more unless there is a real turning back to God and His ways. It will take more than just being more religious, joining some church, being baptized in water, or saying we take Christ as our Saviour without showing the fruits of that experience. Blind preachers in the pulpits and over the air are misinterpreting the Word of God, and are leading a multitude of blind people to their doom.

We need to open our eyes and come awake to the terrible things that are happening all around us. The Church and church people could have stemmed the tide if the truth had been preached and the people had really lived for God, putting Him first in their heart and life. Just take a good look at all the sin that is happening all around us; high divorce rate, men and women living together as man and wife without shame, millions of murders called abortions, rapes and suicides.

May I remind you that any nation of the past that has rejected Christ and the Word of God has fallen. Open your eyes and come awake and you can see that America's high standard of living, with many freedoms that we have enjoyed, is fast vanishing away. Our political leaders have many answers but no real solutions. The church leaders also have many answers that are only causing more confusion. The Word of God alone has the only solutions but people will not take the Word of God.

May I plead with you, give what has been said some serious thought and earnest prayer before you discard it, for your soul's salvation is at stake. —Carl P. Burton

What Some Men Have Said About Time

"As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time." —John Mason

"Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act."

—Richard Baxter

"Time hurries on with a resistless, unremitting stream, yet treads more soft than e'er did midnight thief that slides his hand under the miser's pillow, and carries off his prize."

—Blair

"Time is so fleeting that if we do not remember God in our youth, age may find us incapable of thinking about Him."

—Hans Christian Anderson

"Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth."

—Thomas H. Huxley

"What a folly to dread the thought of throwing away life at once, and yet have no regard to throwing it away by parcels and piecemeal."

—John Howe

"As if you could kill time without injuring eternity!"

—Henry Thoreau

"Dost thou love life? then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

—Benjamin Franklin

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Tomorrow



She was going to be all she wanted to be—
Tomorrow.

None would be braver nor kinder than she—
Tomorrow.

A friend was troubled and weary she knew,
And would be glad of a lift and needed it too.
On her she would call and see what she could do—
Tomorrow.

Each morning she thought of the letter she'd
write—Tomorrow.

And thought of folks she would fill with delight—
Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers today she might have
been,

The world would open its heart to her then.
But in fact she passed on and faded from view,
And all she left when her living was through,
Was a mountain of things she intended to do—
Tomorrow. —Selected

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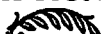
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EDITORIALS



"Thus saith the Lord." This phrase, and ones similar to it, are found frequently in the Bible. The prophets and apostles used it boldly, and it is no wonder when we consider the power that is in God's Word. We know that, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Ps. 33:6. It is His Word that holds together the elements of this earth and His Word which will destroy it at Christ's coming.

The apostle Paul advised Timothy that "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." II Tim. 3:16, 17. The Bible will cover every aspect of our lives. It is when we make other sources the authority for our stand on doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction that we limit the power of God to work.

When the tabernacle was established in the wilderness, it was not according to the plan of Moses. Though Moses was a chosen man of God, there was a higher authority to consult. "Look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount." Exodus 25:40. God formed the plan for the temple and it proved a source of great power in the lives of the Israelites. We find that Christ instructed the apostles to teach believers to observe all things whatsoever He had commanded them. (Matt. 28:20.) We can have the power of God in our lives only as we continue to do so. Those who found their doctrines and ordinances on the commandments of men, may have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. (II Tim. 3:5).

Would you like to see more souls saved? Give them a "Thus saith the Lord". Our unsubstantiated opinions and thoughts will have little affect on unsaved people. The sinner will only laugh in ridicule and go on his merry way. When Moses confronted Pharaoh, he did not say, "In thinking this over, I'm concerned you should let the people go." Moses said, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go." Although Pharaoh resisted with, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?", it wasn't long until he saw the power of God through the plagues. It is the Word of God that will change the sinner's heart.

Would you like to see people make a deeper consecration to God? Give them a "Thus saith the Lord." Man's ideas and opinions on living a sanctified life will only confuse and repel the

honest seeker. "Thus saith the Lord" will cause an honest heart to melt and flow toward God.

Are there times when you wish to be of great comfort to someone? Give them a "Thus saith the Lord." It is too often though, that people are like Job's comforters. They have only their own observations to rely upon. When Hezekiah lay sick unto death, the true comfort came when he heard a "Thus saith the Lord". There are many promises in the Bible for God's children, and we need great wisdom from God to know how to apply them. When they are applied correctly, there will be power and comfort in them.

Let us seek to possess the true Word of God in our hearts that we might have the power in our lives to prove a blessing to others.

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On May 21, the printed sections of the *Evening Light* Songbook were taken to a book bindery in San Antonio, TX to be covered and bound. We hope to have the books back and available for sale by the middle of June and are now accepting orders for them.

With this reprint of the songbook, we have added 24 pages. It now includes music to the 13 songs which previously had only words. It also contains 12 additional songs, most of which are longtime favorites. The songbook sells for \$6.50 each. There is a 10% discount on an order of 12 or more. Please include 70¢ for the first dollar and 7¢ for each additional dollar of the total order, for postage and handling.

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We trust that the *Faith and Victory* paper, along with the other literature printed here at Faith Publishing House is a blessing to those who read it. If so, we would like to hear from you. A divine blessing upon your life may be just what someone else needs to hear about, and we would be glad to pass it on to the readers. We do edit material for space and content when it is sent in, and trust that no one is disappointed by this because we do value your correspondence.

This work is a work of faith. We greatly desire God's guidance in all of our decisions and we depend upon Him to bless us in them. We face some rather pressing needs at this time, but our faith takes in the promise that God will supply all of our needs, even as He has done in the past.

—Wayne Murphey

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A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

—Pope

Prayer Requests

LA—Sis. R. L. Snowden has some very urgent requests.

OK—Remember Bro. and Sis. Virgil Patton in prayer.

MO—"I am suffering from stomach trouble, please pray for me." —Eathel Hill

TX—Remember my sister, who needs prayer so much." —Sis. L. Strickland

OK—"Please pray for my eyes." —Sis. Della Mustin

LA—"I have a very urgent request I desire God to work out for me." —Clarice Pruitt

ID—Please pray for Mrs. Junkert. Her eyesight is failing and she desires so much to have vision to read her Bible and good books.

MS—"Please pray for me, my brother and sister." —Dorothy Bridges

ID—Sister Ruby Marken has some urgent requests she desires God to work out.

OH—Sis. J. Blankenship sent in several requests. Pray for Lois Waller, facing brain surgery, she needs help in soul and body.

Beulah Brown is crippled for life unless God heals her. She has two children at home.

Frank Wilson has lung cancer and suffers a lot, he needs prayer for soul and body.

KY—Miss Eunice Kirk needs healing to her body.

AL—The Lord has given Sis. Lori Lacroix a touch of healing but pray for complete healing.

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

Camp Meeting Dates for 1987

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK —

June 12-21

Green Bank, WV — June 12-21

Jefferson, OR — June 12-21

Oakland, CA — June 19-28

Chilliwack, B.C., Canada — June 22-28

General Southern at Loranger, LA —

June 26-July 5

Fresno, CA — July 3-12

Akron, OH — July 3-12

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO

July 17-26

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO —

July 27-August 2

Bakersfield, CA — August 7-16

Duncannon, PA — August 9-16

Durham, NC — August 9-16

Chehalis, WA — August 16-23

Boley, OK — August 23-30

California State at Pacoima, CA —

August 28-September 6

REPORT OF THE BOLEY, OK SPRING REVIVAL

"Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good."
Psalms 135:3. We do thank and praise the Lord for the wonderful Holy Spirit filled meeting He blessed us with in Boley, Oklahoma. The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday, May the 3rd, in the afternoon meeting, the saints were singing congregational songs and the presence of the Lord was lowered in our midst. The songs were especially anointed. As we were singing, "Saviour, More Than Life to Me" souls began to come to the altar, and the altar was filled again and again! We didn't get to take in prayer requests nor did the minister get to the pulpit. Praise the Lord! The Lord truly visited His people and our hearts truly did rejoice. Oh! it was a glorious meeting. Bless the Lord!

We appreciate the visiting ministers and workers that came to help in the battle. "Lord bless every one for their labour of love."

Prayerfully submitted,

—Katherine Williams

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WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING REPORT

We give thanks to God for again being faithful to us. He blessed in our spring meeting and sent the anointed Word to instruct, bless, awaken and encourage us. We were exhorted to press, pray, let God search us, consecrate deeper, have a real hatred for sin, get a greater burden for souls and instructed on how to be a pillar in the Church of God. If we continue to obey all of that precious Word we will be stronger and better Christians. The singing was anointed and the spirit of the meeting was precious. We were refreshed and have more of a vehement desire to be pleasing to God. We appreciate every one who came to help in the battle.

—The Wichita Congregation

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GOULDS, FLORIDA CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Goulds congregation is pleased to report a wonderful and successful campmeeting.

The Lord blessed us with a service where souls came to the altar just by the anointed songs that were sung, and the Lord saved them.

We appreciate how the Lord blessed and provided ministers: Bro. Keith Fuller and family from Akron, Ohio, Bro. Jerry Gossard from Maryland and Bro. Louis Kimble from New Orleans, Louisiana. We were thankful to have Bro. I. C. Chandler's oldest daughter, Sister Juanita Phillips, from Los Angeles, California with us. We also thank God for our pastor, Bro.

H. Hargrave. We are still getting blessings from the meeting.

—Sis. Geraldine McPhail

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WEST GERMANY MEETING REPORT

We greet all the dear saints and friends of the Truth in the precious name of Jesus! How wonderful to be called out of the darkness of this world into the realm of God's marvelous "Evening Light". We surely are thankful for the efforts being made to reach out to foreign lands with the gospel and realize our time to work is short and we must be doing all we can.

We thank the Lord that a number of ministers and saints from around the U.S. and Canada had the privilege to travel to West Germany for a meeting there. The meeting dates were from April 16th to April 26th. Those who traveled to Europe were: Bro. Alfons Oppel, Sis. LaVern Manuel, Sis. Beverly Reed, Sis. Maria Koethler, Sis. Sadie Stamm, Bro. and Sis. Gene Porter and Bro. Danny Layne. We all received much good to our souls from the rich fellowship, and the saints there were much blessed by the meeting. The first weekend there was a very large number of visitors from various denominations besides the saints who gathered in from a number of different, sometimes quite distant, areas of Germany. We had evening meetings and some of the time, morning services. The Word of God surely accomplished much as it went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Souls were helped, sanctified and bodies were healed instantly in answer to the prayer of faith. We are glad to report that God is blessing the work there and that some souls took their stand with the "saints in light".

While in Germany we visited the "Iron Curtain" and later heard the experiences of a young man who escaped over the wall about two years ago. It is sobering for us to realize that a great portion of this world is living under atheistic, communist governments which do all they can to prevent the people under their control from hearing about or worshipping our precious Lord. We are now reliably informed of many saints who have this same "evening light" truth who live behind the "Iron Curtain". A family of saints in Germany had just returned from a trip to Russia and had visited with ministers and saints there. We are happy to pass along heartfelt greetings of love and unity to the brethren in America from the saints in Russia and Germany. We ask prayer for the work in Europe and especially parts of Russia where heavy monetary fines are being levied on the saints.

Christian love,

—Bro. Danny Layne

DALLAS, TEXAS OUTREACH

Pray earnestly for an outreach meeting to be held at 770 Elsberry, Dallas, Texas. The meeting will be held under a tent on the church grounds June 21-28th. Bro. Herschel Hargrave will be the evangelist. We are reaching out for lost souls.

For more information, contact the pastor, Sis. Annie Bell Allen, 755 Bethpage Ave., Dallas, Texas 75217. Phone (214) 398 9095.

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AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Akron campmeeting will take place 30 miles south of Akron. It will be held July 3-12. The meeting will utilize the gospel tent in the same location as last year. This location is on the acres of Johnny's Nimrod Trailer Sales and Service, and is located eight miles east of Wooster, Ohio on U.S. route 30. The address is 10593 Old Lincoln Way, Orrville, Ohio 44667. There will be accommodations on the grounds for those desiring to stay on the grounds. There is no charge for these accommodations. Also for those desiring motel accommodations, there are some very cheap rates in the area. We desire special prayer for this effort. The site of this meeting is situated in the heart of an Amish-Mennonite settlement. Again, we request your prayers and extend an hearty welcome.

For further information, contact Brother Waymon Parmer, (216) 836-1907 or Bro. Keith Fuller, (216) 864 1128. The church address and telephone number is: Church of God, 421 W. Thorton St., Akron, Ohio 44307, (216) 762 2286.

—The Akron Congregation

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FRESNO, CALIFORNIA CAMPMEETING

The Fresno, California Campmeeting of the Church of God, will be held, Lord willing, July 3rd through 12th, at the campgrounds located at 388 North First St., Fresno, California.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Motorhomes, campers, and trailers are welcome. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting, that souls will be saved, believers sanctified and bodies healed.

For further information, contact the Church, (209) 486 9977; or Sister Naomi Jennings, (209) 441 8091.

—Sister Lavern Moles

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1987 GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The General Southern Campmeeting will begin, Lord willing, Friday night, June 26, con-

tinuing through July 5. Come praying.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy. 40).

For more information, call Sis. LaVern Manuel, (504) 878 6176 or Bro. Bob Forbes, (504) 748 4957. The chapel phone is: (504) 878 2788.

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CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON CAMPMEETING

Just a few lines to direct the saints to our humble estate so they may find the location of the campmeeting scheduled, the Lord willing, for August 16 to 23, 1987.

Coming west from the east, get on U.S. Highway 12 at Yakima, WA. Go west from Yakima 135 miles to the campmeeting site. Or use U.S. 90 to Seattle, WA, or U.S. 84 to Portland, OR, then use Interstate 5 between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA and turn off at exit number 68, U.S. Hwy. 12 east. Go five (5) miles on U.S. 12 to "God's Green Acres" which will be on the left hand side.

There are airports at Portland and Seattle where we will try to pick up ones that wish to come that way. Just let us know. We do not have trailer hookups but we have 25 acres of open field for parking and camping, good water and also several acres of timber for anyone who wishes to camp in the timber. It is kind of old fashioned but the Lord has provided and will provide. There are also several motels and stores available nearby for ones wishing more modern facilities.

For further information, write Jim Wilson, 1175 U.S. 12, Chehalis, WA 98532, or phone (206) 978 4618. All come freely. There are no charges of any kind.

His humble servant, —James G. Wilson

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DUNCANNON, PA TENT MEETING

The tent meeting at Duncannon, PA, will begin on August 9th and run through August 16th. Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday, and daily at 7:30 P.M. unless the Lord sees fit for morning services during the week. Meals will be served and those attending will have lodging provided.

The tent meeting will be located on Rte. 849, six miles from Duncannon. It will be on the grounds of our chapel.

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From the Mailbox . . .

NC—Dear Bro. Murphey and Co-workers: Greetings to you from North Carolina. We are ever thankful for our dear Saviour's mercy unto us. We are so thankful that those who belong to the Lord can have victory right here on this sinful earth.

We are enclosing some money for our renewal of the *Faith and Victory* paper. It sure has been a blessing to us down through the years. It is so encouraging to read the testimonies of different ones on how the Lord has blessed them. We deeply appreciate each one there at the Print Shop. May the Lord richly bless you for your labors. Remember us and our unsaved loved ones, also others here where we live.

Sincerely yours,

—Bro. and Sis. David Lottahall

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(The following is a letter from Sis. Ruth Tangunan, the daughter of Bro. Matias Tangunan, a native missionary in the Philippines. Sis. Ruth left the Philippines several months ago and went to Saudi Arabia where she was hired to be a governess to the son of the Prince of Saudi Arabia. This letter was written to Sis. Connie Sorrell who is in the Guthrie, Oklahoma congregation.)

Dear Sis. Connie: Greetings of love, peace and joy in our Lord and Saviour's matchless name. "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart." Prov. 3:1-3. The Word of God is so precious to Christians. His Word is our light as we go along in the path of this life.

I received your letter with joy and thanks for writing me . . .

Saudi is a beautiful and very rich country, but it is a pity to say that they don't believe in Jesus. They have different beliefs and different gods. Their religion is Islam and they call their god, Allah. I still don't know the difference between Christian religion and their religion, but I know that they don't believe in the true God. Here in Arabia, they will put you in jail if they hear you talking about Jesus. The Bible is prohibited.

When I came here I didn't bring my Bible and hymn book because I knew that if they find these things in your baggage they send you back to the Philippines. There are some cases when they put you first in jail as punishment. In thinking of that, a fear came to me. That is why I didn't bring any Christian material. When we had a stopover in Dahren, (the first city in Arabia) we presented our bag and they opened it as well as our baggage, in front of us. All contents of your baggage must be inspected and if they see something inside which is against their religion, they will throw it out and take you to a room for questioning. I was the last person who presented my bag to the guard. I was surprised when the guard asked me to open my bag and baggage and he just looked at it without touching it, and then said I could close it. He didn't touch my bag while the other passengers had to remove the contents of their bag and it was inspected one by one. While I was walking back to my seat, I wanted to cry for I had forgotten that my Lord can do everything, even what is impossible! I forgot to trust Him and that was a big mistake I made.

After arriving here, I didn't have a Bible to read or a song book. I didn't know how I could survive without these. God answered my prayers. On July 20, we went to Paris for a vacation. The first thing I did was look for a Christian book store. I bought a Bible, and because we traveled with the princess, they didn't inspect our baggage in the airport.

My next problem was my hymn book and I wanted to have a copy of the *Evening Light Songs* tapes. The Lord made a way for this again. Lory, one of my co-workers here in the palace, (also a Filipino) took her vacation to the Philippines. I wrote to my parents to visit her in their home and asked them to prepare my hymn book and a complete re-tape of the *Evening Light Songs*, and to give it to her to bring back to Riyadh. I prayed God to save the box for me, and of course for Lory because I knew if they saw the contents of the box they would ask her questions and maybe put her in jail before sending her back to the Philippines. I didn't tell Lory what was inside the box, but I prayed earnestly and asked my family to pray for it too.

When Lory arrived here on Feb. 3, I asked her first for the box. She said, "Yes, it is here." I asked her if they opened it in the airport. She said, "Oh, Ruth, you were lucky. You know they inspected all the things inside my baggage, even those boxes for Luz and Paz (also workers here) whose family sent boxes for them, but you know, they didn't open your box or even touch

it." When Lory gave me the box, I ran to our room, closed the door, and knelt in prayer to thank God for what the Lord did! When I opened it, I saw my hymn book and 12 tapes of *Evening Light Songs*. Oh, sister, He is still working! I am so very happy for having these precious things which I consider part of my life. Now I can read the Bible again, sing songs of praise and listen to the *Evening Light Songs*. I am so very happy now, sister, and God makes me happy! Praise God!

Regarding the child whom I am taking care of; his name is Mansour. He is good and easy to care for. At night before we sleep, I tell him a story which is in the Bible. (Like Daniel, David, Moses, Noah, etc.) One night he saw me praying. When I opened my eyes, I saw him standing in front of me, and he asked me what I was doing. I said, "I'm praying." He began to ask many things. "Why are you praying?" "Who is Jesus?" "Why don't we pray the way you did?" I tried to answer him in a simple way that he could understand.

Little by little, I am trying to tell him the difference between my God and the one they are worshipping. Now Mansour joins me in prayer at night. There are times he asks me to pray for his sore throat or his feet because they are painful. He says, "Ruth, please pray for me."

One day I couldn't open our drawer. I needed to get something inside so I did everything I knew to open it, but still I couldn't open it. Then Mansour says, "Ruth, stop it." I stopped and asked why. He said, "Pray first so that you can open it. You told me that if it is hard for you to do one thing, pray and ask the help of God and He will do it for you." I smiled and said, "Yes, come and pray with me."

My sister asked me, "What if the prince and princess notice that you are teaching their son about your God?" I said, "I don't know, but this one thing I know, God will take care of this," and I believe He will.

So much for this time until next and regards to all.

In Christian love, —Sis. Ruth Tangunan

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TX—Dear Bro. Wayne: We still have hope in our heart of eternal life, to the which we give thanks unto God for this blessed gift. Indeed, this salvation that I have really satisfies my soul. There is nothing as precious as living a pure, clean, holy life for the glory of God. I just wouldn't want to live any other way.

I think about the late freeze we had here a while back. It had gotten pretty warm, the sun shining so pretty and all, that the trees could

not help but come out and the flowers to spring forth. All was truly beautiful. You could see God's blessings everywhere. Then one night it got down to about 25. The next morning things didn't look so beautiful. The trees' buds were withered and the flowers were drooping and ugly.

That made me think about God and sin; how that Adam and Eve were both beautiful, growing in the sunlight of God's love, being in His presence there in the Garden of Eden. Then one day there came that freeze and made everything about their life just look ugly. Sin will certainly do that. May the Lord help us to stay where the sun is always shining and away from the hard freeze of sin.

I am reminded of a verse of Scripture that says, "The wages of sin is death." Death came to Adam and Eve which was also the outcome of the freeze. "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Thank the Lord for the Son and His light. May the Lord help us to always walk in this light.

I do love His Church and all the saints. When I go around them I can just feel at home. When I leave I get homesick to see them again.

You all are always in my thoughts and prayers. Do remember to pray for me. I have trouble from time to time. I need the saints' prayers.

—Bro. Clarence Campbell

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MO—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: We do appreciate you and your efforts for God. We enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper so much.

We still love the Lord and truly want to be busy serving Him in whatever place or capacity He sees fit to place us.

Our bodies are getting older and get tired with aches and pains at times, but we can still find plenty of work to do.

Pray for us that we won't shirk in doing our duty.

—Bro. and Sis. Austin McMillian

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

OK—Dear Ones: It is with much gratitude and thanksgiving to God that we send greetings. The Psalmist mentions about the benefits of God; well, we certainly have been receiving bountiful benefits, our cup is running over! We are so glad to be serving such a wonderful God, and our desires have been increased to serve Him more.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for each one's concern, love, and prayers for us concerning the birth of

our first little one. God surely has honored those prayers and blessed our lives so richly with no complications in the birth of our healthy baby daughter, Cynthia Ann, on May 19, 1987. For this we give God all praise and thanksgiving, as we are humbled before God for such love He has shown to us.

Also we appreciate much all the love that has been shown to us. We are so unworthy of such love. We pray the Lord to bless you richly. We are glad to be a little part of the wonderful Family of God.

Christian love,

—Carl, Rebecca, and Cynthia Shaffer

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NC—Dear Saints: I feel like I've been holding a long overdue testimony. Praise and thanksgiving needs to be given to the Lord and the saints on the birth of our son Josef. Thank God, he is well and whole in every way. We truly serve a miracle working God. Thank you saints for every prayer and for the love you showed us.

Your sister,

—Lynne Millis

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MO—Dear Saints: My eyes are much improved. I have no trouble threading my machine or hand needles now. Before Christmas when I was doing some sewing I needed to place a flashlight so the light would shine through the needle's eye, and then it was near impossible to thread the needle. I am so thankful for what the Lord has done for me at this time.

A sister in Christ,

—Alice Rhoades

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KS—Bro. Wayne: I would like to thank all the saints for remembering me in my times of health problems. Surely God has honored all prayers and is restoring me back. It is precious to feel the power in united prayer.

It was a precious feeling to feel God's presence when I was told that I could expect the end any time now. I said I understood and was ready and wanted to go. Thank God for His wonderful love.

Here is a poem I love so much.

He Loves You

It's amazing and incredible,
But it's as true as can be,
God loves and understands us all,
And that means you and me.

His grace is all sufficient
For both the young and old,
For the lonely and the timid,
For the brash and the bold.

His love knows no exceptions,
So never feel excluded,
No matter what you are,
Your name has been included.

And no matter what your past has been,
Trust God to understand.

And no matter what your problem is,
Just place it in His hand.

For in all our unloveliness,
This great God loves us still.

He loved us when the world began,
And what's more, He always will.

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We appreciate the little paper and pray
God's blessings be with you all.

One of His children, —Lavina Martens

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From the Philippines . . .

Apr. 21—Dear Sister Pruitt, Brother Murphey and all saints in U.S.A.: Greeting you all with peace, hope and joy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this letter find you all happy on the way to heaven. I received your letter in March but I am sorry for my failure to write you earlier. I was out of town for several days, because I spent my time in the barrios where I held gospel meetings, worship services and home evangelism. I am doing my best to reach people in rural areas and remote places before the rainy season starts. There are still barrios that are hard to reach during rainy season because the paths are muddy and slippery. Although these people are poor and less educated, they are hungry for the Word of God and interested for their salvation. They are people that are mostly neglected by society but they are humble and obedient. I ordained elders and deacons to take care of the congregations. The church building in Puncan is not yet finished. They need more money to buy the materials for the roof. The church building in Palestina is also under repair because it was damaged by a typhoon last year. The saints in Caredad have also a problem about their church building. The owner of the land told the saints to remove the building because he needs his land. The saints there are very poor. They do not have their own lots. There are lots for sale, but they cannot afford to buy. They plan to build a bigger church building to accommodate their growing congregation if only they can acquire a lot . . .

May I say thank you again for all your help and sacrifices for us in the Philippines. Without your love to the mission work we would be lost, honestly lost in Babylon confusion. We cannot

express enough in words the feeling of gratitude in our hearts. We are praying for all of you dear saints in U.S.A. You are more blessed than other people in the world spiritually and materially. Please be patient enough to share your lights to other areas of the world because Christ died for you. Surely you will not lose your reward because our God is a loving and righteous God.

Your brother, —Matias S. Tangunan

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Apr. 27—Dear Bro. Hammond, Bro. Wayne Murphey, Sister Maybelle Pruitt and the Saints: Greetings by the love of Jesus.

On March 29th, 1987, I was in Gingoog City and visited the brethren. I attended the church meeting at Bro. Capuyan's house. The brethren were very much surprised of my presence since I had left Gingoog City last in 1984. I encouraged every one to hold fast in faith and also reminded them to pray always, give thanks in the name of Jesus Christ, and most of all to love one another.

We all partook of the Lord's Supper early in the afternoon for the brethren had heard rumors that terrorist rebels might encounter the government forces somewhere in the Gingoog City area. After the church services were finished I bade them good-bye. We did not have enough time for picture taking for the time was very limited due to the fear of the rebels and government troops clashing. I left Gingoog for Talisayan, giving praise to God for the successful meeting of the Gingoog brethren . . .

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Leonardo Salvana

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From India . . .

May 5—Our dearly beloved elder sister Maybelle, Bro. Wayne Murphey and other dear ones in the Print Shop: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God we are all doing fine here. We got two or three inches of rain last week and it stopped. It is dry again. There is no water in the rice fields to sow or plant rice.

The church activities are going on in good shape. I was in the northern region of Kerala state one week ago to visit the congregations there and also to attend the meetings at Athani. The meetings were very nice. Last week we had three days of fasting and prayer at Koottarvila. The last day we had ordinance services also.

Youth association meetings are being held in each congregation for the encouragement and revival of young people. May God bless the campmeetings there this year.

We are in the midst of some urgent needs now. May God open some unknown ways of help. Let us exchange our prayers.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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From Ghana . . .

May 12—Dear Brother Murphey: Greetings to you, Bro. G. A. Hammond, Sister Pruitt and all other workers at the Print Shop. The work here is going very successfully. I give my time fully to do the work of God. We do house to house evangelism on Tuesdays. Every Friday is set for fasting and prayer, including watch-night. We are planning to go to a certain village to preach on the 18th of May, 1987, and open a church there. There is no church at that village. The people there are idol worshippers and Moslems. In fact there are many places which we need to go and preach Christ. People don't know how they can come to Christ. Help us spiritually and financially to do the work. Pray for us that God can use us.

God bless every one of you. Amen!

Yours in His name,—Brother William Kusi

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In Memorial

Beulah Ruby Peterson was born on Oct. 12, 1913, in Reeds, MO and entered into rest on April 19, 1987, in Joplin, MO at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 7 days. She was a housewife and homemaker. She moved to Granby from Rich Hill, MO. She was a member of the Church of God in Neosho.

She married Alfred Peterson on May 2, 1931 in Carthage, MO. He survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Johnny and Cecil Ray Peterson of the home, Carl Peterson, Siloam Springs, AR and Bobby Peterson, Rayville, MO; three daughters, Kathyleen Henrietta and Sharon Kay Peterson of the home and Neva Lee Cox, Harrison, AR; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many friends.

Bro. and Sis. Peterson searched many years to find a place to worship as they saw taught in the Scriptures. They came to know the Church of God about 15 years ago and felt they had found their home. She led a victorious life and her desire was to be an example for others. She came to love the song "Hope of the Righteous" and sang it many times in the last weeks of her life.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Austin and Vada McMillian at the Clark Funer-

al Home in Neosho. Interment was in Nelotonia, Missouri Cemetery.

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: We can't be saved by "works"; but what part do "works" play in the lives of God's children?

Answer: This is a good question, indeed, and to properly differentiate in it is very important. In the Scriptures pertaining to our salvation in respect to our works, it is necessary to "rightly divide the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15), and to keep everything in its proper context in order to get a balanced perspective in regard to works and the part they play in the Christian life. We need to understand that a subject as big as "Salvation" cannot possibly be set forth in any one text of Scripture. One text may deal with one aspect of salvation and another text present another phase and represent it in a different way to correspond with the particular point in discussion. Therefore it is never good to over-extend any text to cover more ground than it does. The result may be gross confusion. For an example of this principle, let us consider the various representations of the CHURCH OF GOD in the Scriptures. One Scripture refers to it as a "city", another as a "body", another as a woman (bride), another as a mother, another as a vine or vineyard, another as a house, another as a family, etc. Well, you may say, "This all confuses me and I can't understand the Church; what is it? Is it a city, or is it a bride, or is it a mother with children, or is it a vine or vineyard, or is it a body, or is it a house? I can't tell from all of this just what it is." Well, the fact is, it is all of these and more too. Each of these Scriptures just describe a different phase or operation of the Church. If one will keep this in mind when studying the Word on this subject and just keep each Scripture in its proper place and context, and not try to over-extend it into some other Scripture to which it does not relate and that is describing some entirely different phase and function of the Church; when he gets through with his overall study, he will have a good, clear, concise picture and understanding of the Church and how it functions. It is the same with this subject of salvation and if one will keep this in mind when he is studying the Scriptures on this subject and be careful to keep every point properly divided and everything in its proper context and place, he will come out

with a clear understanding of salvation and how our works relate to it.

Now, we must realize that some Scriptures deal with the actual experience of salvation itself and many relate to the holy Christian life which salvation produces and our "works" will hold a different relation and play a different part in these two phases of salvation and its effects in the life. Romans 5:1 says that we are justified by FAITH. To be justified is to be saved. In this case the emphasis is on faith. The entire 4th chapter of Romans is on faith and especially Abraham's faith which was imputed unto him for righteousness (verse 22). In verses 23 and 24, it says this was not written for Abraham's sake only but for our sakes also if we believe. Then follows in chapter 5, verse 1 that we are justified by faith. Since Paul here was speaking to a people who desperately needed a faith in Christ and were having problems with it, he focused in on FAITH and never mentioned any other ingredients of salvation. But there are some others.

In Eph. 2:8 the same man (Paul) wrote this: "For by grace are ye saved through faith." Here he introduces the thought of GRACE in connection with salvation. But he says, "by grace through faith." Grace is bestowed because of faith and he says in this verse that this is not of ourselves but is a gift of God. Then verse 9 says, "Not of works, lest any man should boast." But we need to observe here the premise of rightly dividing the word of truth and keeping everything in its place and in the proper context or we will run into problems with some other texts on the subject; even with other parts of this man's teachings. Paul understood, as clearly as any and more than most, that the law was fulfilled and abolished when Christ came and set up the new order and established grace. Therefore he taught all the time and in every place that the works of the law (circumcision and other rituals and observances) had no further merit as pertained to salvation but he taught salvation through faith in Christ only, without the works of the law.

Titus 3:5-7 says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." He speaks here of the "works of righteousness" not being any basis to found our faith in for salvation. The law's righteousness was no longer acceptable to God and had no salvation virtue in it and Paul was teaching all

his people this and to not put their confidence in those "dead works" as any part of their salvation but just put their faith in Jesus Christ and the merits of His shed blood and that only for their salvation.

In 1 Cor. 1:30, Paul says that God has made Jesus our **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. And in Phil. 3:9, Paul said concerning himself, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God through faith." His reference here to his own righteousness which is of the law referred to the works, and ordinances, and rituals, and observances of the law. But he did not want that any more because there was no value in it any more. In Jer. 23:5, 6 is a prophecy of Christ and verse 6 says, "And this is his name whereby he shall be called **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**." In this day of salvation and grace, God recognizes no righteousness at all but just Jesus and it is through our faith in Him and our relationship with Him through faith that we have any righteousness at all that God will put His seal on and recognize. In Isa. 64:6, it says all of **OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES** are as filthy rags. Paul believed in this and preached this universally and the places where he spoke out against works was in regard to this and had no reference to the essential and required works of repentance, restitution, confession of sins, restoring the pledge, giving again that we have robbed, forgiving our enemies and those who have wronged us, straightening and clearing up our lives in general, etc., all of which works we cannot be saved without. So let us not rule out all works from our salvation for there are some works we cannot be saved without. At the same time let us realize that all these works within themselves do not save us. It is faith in Christ and the all-atoning efficacy in His shed blood that obtains for us the mercy of God and the forgiveness of our sins for His Son's sake Who He atones for them with His blood when we have done all the works of repentance that His word requires of us. Then we conclude that our salvation comes through **FAITH** (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8), **GRACE** (Eph. 2:8), and **WORKS** (James 2:24).

James 2:14 says, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" James 2:20 calls this man a "vain man" who says, "I believe and that is all that is necessary for me. I don't have to do anything or give up anything; just believe." James informs this man in this verse that "faith without works is dead." James 2:21 declared Abraham was justified by works when he had offered his son, Isaac upon the

altar. Verse 22 says that faith wrought with his works and faith was made perfect (manifested, demonstrated) by works. Verse 24 says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

We readily agree and understand that a person cannot be saved by works alone; even good works with no bad ones at all. Good works and morality will never save one. But faith alone without some works won't either. But faith accompanied by works will bring a grace into the soul which translates into salvation.

When one has obtained salvation then he begins to live a Christian life and that life is full of good works. In 1 Tim. 6:18 we are instructed to "do good, be rich in good works." Titus 3:1 instructs saints "to be ready to every good work"; and verse 8 says, "that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works." In Titus 3:14 we are instructed to maintain good works for necessary uses, that we be not unfruitful. In this text "works" is related with "fruits" which brings the focus on another text, in James 3:17, which says that the wisdom from above is full of good fruits (works). And so on and on and on and on; the New Testament abounds in this kind of teaching. But let us never make the fatal mistake of identifying our works with ourselves and claiming them as of us (our works). But let us realize that our lives and the fruits or works of them are of God and not of us as we read in Phil. 2:13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

THE HOUR OF SETTING DAY

I love to steal awhile away
 From every cumbering care,
 And spend the hour of setting day
 In humble grateful prayer.
 I love in solitude to shed
 The penitential tear,
 And all His promises to plead
 When none but God is near.
 I love to think on mercies past,
 And future good implore;
 And all my cares and sorrows cast
 On Him whom I adore.
 I love by faith to take a view
 Of brighter scenes in Heaven;
 The prospect doth my strength renew,
 While here by tempests driven.
 And when life's toilsome day is o'er,
 May its departing ray
 Be calm as this impressive hour,
 And lead to endless day.

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HOME LIFE



Helping Children Establish Proper Values

Have you ever heard the statement, "Do as I say and not as I do"? Some parents say it to their children. Others do not say it, but they expect their children to do as they say, not as they *do*. Life would be so much nicer for parents if children would follow their advice and not their example. Don't we all know that to be a fact? I do. Have you never felt ashamed of your child's actions and later remembered a time when you acted about the same way only under different circumstances? I have.

Children are great imitators of adults, and they will imitate the weaknesses as well as the strengths. All parents should accept the fact that their child or children will have weaknesses and strengths and oftentimes almost identical to their own, but these weaknesses can be overcome by trusting in God and disciplining one's self and the child.

The most important things that Christian parents want to pass on to their children are not their own strengths, whatever they may be, but a **great reverence for God** and a **firm trust in God**. With these two tools any child can have a reasonable chance to enjoy eternal life and escape eternal woe.

But how is this done? First: one must believe in his heart that God has entrusted into his care an eternally living creature. The child is not just a body with some character traits acquired from

father and some from mother. No, the child is more. He or she is a special person made in the image of God, and placed on the earth for a short period of time, at the end of which he or she must give account to God for how he or she has used this allotted time. This is an awesome truth, to be sure.

Second: The parent must believe that all of God's laws hang on these two commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And . . . thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 22:37-40. The parent who believes this will guard his own affections and keep his love for God. This will enable him to value things according to God's value system, thus causing him to be a proper example for the child to follow. A child knows what a parent loves most by how he spends his time. Parents show love for God by spending time in prayer with Him, by studying His written Word, listening attentively to His preached Word, by singing songs of praise to Him and by choosing to suffer rather than displease Him. Let them see love for God demonstrated by attending worship service, even when it brings discomfort to your body, by arising early enough to have morning devotions, by praying often during the day and always in the evening. Of course, there are many other ways to show children that we value our relationship with God more than any other thing.

Love for our neighbor can be seen by mentioning them in prayer, by sharing good literature with them, spending time with them listening to their problems, etc. It can be seen best if we do these things under difficult circumstances, such as when a neighbor hasn't been very nice. Children will value this commandment, if they see you doing it. Seeing a parent obey this commandment will also build attitudes of compassion and thoughtfulness for others into the child. He will learn to think of others and their feelings and not have his mind continually on satisfying his own desires.

The third important thing a parent should believe if they wish to help their children establish proper values is that, "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." Believing this will cause the parent to put more prime time on eternal values than on temporal values. The children will unconsciously put more value on their soul's welfare than on earthly gains, such as wealth, honor, or popularity. It will also build a respect

for keeping everything clear between his soul and God or his fellow man. Children will fear to mistreat others, or resist the reproofs of God because God might come any moment, and they would be found guilty.

The fourth basic belief that a parent must have if he is to help his children establish proper values, is that "God is LOVE". "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE." I John 4:8. Love your children for small children seem to picture God to be like Mother and Dad. Prove to your child you love him by taking time to hear him. Perhaps he has some childish prank, or a joy to share, or maybe a problem that is a little hard for his small mind to solve. Let him know you care by taking time to listen. Let them know God is love by talking with them often about God's care. Take a walk in the woods, let him feel the wind, the rain, the cool breeze and explain to him God's plan that things of nature supply for each other so the living things can stay alive.

Talking of God's love to them often is the best rule to follow. God's love cannot be over emphasized, and yet a child needs a proper balance between God's love and His severity.

This whole article is just an introduction to helping children establish proper values. Each parent must first get his lifestyle built around these four basic beliefs and then seek God for wisdom in placing proper value on everyday living experiences. Remember, children do as we do and not as we say.

—Charlotte Huskey

Burned and Blown Away

Will Cox's farm burned one day. It wasn't a forest blaze or a prairie fire that destroyed the place, but another sort of fire altogether; the flame of Will's personal Pentecost. Though the farm was gone forever, so far as he was concerned, Will suffered no loss.

Actually, the farm didn't really belong to him, except in Will's eager ambition. He wanted that place and meant to have it. Why not? There was no reason why not until the young man got saved and began to seek entire sanctification. Then he found the farm was in the way.

"Give it up?"

Too much! Will thought. What was wrong with being a farmer? He'd been raised on a farm, enjoyed the work, and understood it better than anything else. Certainly better than the ministry, for which he had no desire or training. The Lord, however, laid His hand on Will to preach the gospel.

As so many do, the young farmer reasoned his way around the call. Surely there was some mistake. God would not call him, a blundering country boy, to preach! He claimed sanctification, but he did not give up the farm. Deep within, though, Will Cox knew all was not yet settled.

A revival came along and Will landed at the altar to settle that unfinished business with God. This time he gave up the farm, agreed to preach, and struck fire! That divine flame on the altar of Will's heart consumed the farm in a blaze of glory.

Brother Cox liked to use what he called "double-barreled texts". These were passages that mentioned both the first and the second works of grace. Like, for instance, Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." With such a double-barreled text, Will could hit any needy person, whether the lack was to be saved or sanctified. And they responded.

When their children were grown Sis. Cox went with her husband in his evangelistic ministry. They did not confine their labors to the public services, but won some through personal work. Even in the parsonages where they were usually entertained they found needs, and helped many in the preacher's own families.

Success for Will Cox went back to the day when he gave up his ambition and let the coveted farm be consumed in the fires of the sanctifying Holy Ghost. He not only found full deliverance himself, but learned also to lead others to their Pentecost.

The farm was gone forever, and it was a good thing for Will. For after a while that farm blew away. Literally.

The land that Will might have lost his soul to gain was located in an area later called the "dust bowl". Deforestation, erosion, and drought worked on that land until the topsoil actually blew away in a whirl of dust. Maybe you remember those days.

Yes, that farm that Will found so hard to give up he found he would have lost anyway. By minding God he found a happy, helpful way of life and soul winning. On that farm he certainly would have failed. The Lord, of course, knew that.

What wonderful mercy God has on us when He insists that we give up what He sees would hinder us!

—Louis A. Bouck

Dead in Sin; Dead to Sin

Before we came to God and repented of our sins we were dead in our sins. But God offered a provision for life and a cessation from sin through His Son, Jesus Christ. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;" Eph. 2:1. "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;" Col. 2:13. Where we once were dead in our sins, we are now dead to sin, if we have been born again. "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Romans 6:1, 2. "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." I Peter 2:24.

If we are dead to something, we depart from it and separate ourselves from it. Whenever we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, He saves us from sin and gives us the power through the Holy Spirit to live a life of righteousness. We are no longer the servants of sin. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness: But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Romans 6:14-18. The inspired Word of God plainly teaches that a Christian does not continue to sin once they have been born again. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin." Romans 6:5-7. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Praise the Lord, because of God's great love for us, we can sit in the heavenly places while living in this world. (Eph. 2:4-6). We no longer have to be dead in sins. We can accept the gift of salvation offered to us and be dead to sin and live a life of righteousness free from sin.—Joyce Hall



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—Homer Joseph Buell

"May the Lord perfectly tune our spirits to the keynote of his exceeding great love, that all our unconscious influence may breathe only of that love, and help all with whom we come into contact."

—Sister Eleanor S. Wilson

"God is not willing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance. When we are filled with the love of God we have the same love for lost souls. That love has caused men to leave their homes and go into faraway lands, suffer and even lay down their lives so that others could hear the gospel story."—Marie Miles