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Put Off Thy Shoes

When Moses in the holy mount
Did face to face Jehovah meet
Before the bush received this count:
"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet."

Affrighted there old Moses stood,
His sandals quickly did remove;
He hid his face and humbly bowed,
The ways and thoughts of God to prove.

As Joshua look'd t'ward Jericho
And viewed her walls so great and high
O'er which his men must triumph, lo!
A man with sword in hand stood by.

"A friend or foe?" In wonder cried
Brave Joshua, this One to greet;
"I come thy captain," he replied,
"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet."

Oh ye today who burdens face
Like these who had great odds to meet,
A lesson dire we here can trace:
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet.

Put off thy shoes, oh, thoughtless soul
Who walks life's pathway hardened still;
Go softly, seek the Lord's control,
And be submissive to His will.

Canst thou alone life's woes surmount
And wield in truth dominion's rod?
What dost thy human strength amount
Before the great Almighty God?

For who would be as these of yore
Who left their mark of service sweet
Must needs this truth learn more and more:
Put off thy shoes from off thy feet!

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

Anointing

By Grace McMillan

What, exactly, do we mean by "anointing"? How does one get anointed? Why is one person anointed and another not? Is it for everyone or just for preachers? Is a "good thought" an anointed one? *What is anointing?*

Have you ever asked yourself these questions? Have you ever wondered how to *be* anointed? I have. I want, more than anything else, to be anointed in my walk with the Lord. I want my whole life to be anointed, not for personal power or gratification, but for His service.

So what is it? I know that anointing is what differentiates between the Church of God and Babylon. I know that Christ's words were "gracious" and "with authority," or *anointed*. I know that what the apostles received on the day of Pentecost was anointing. I realize that anointing is what we all look for in the messages preached, special songs sung, and public prayers prayed. I know that *anointing* is the difference between a "good thought" and a soul-searching, life-changing message. We all know these things, but what, exactly, is anointing and how do you get it?

As I pondered these thoughts I wondered about Jesus. He declared Himself to be anointed in Luke 4:18. He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath *anointed* me to preach the gospel to the poor; . . ." I noticed that, in His case, the public declaration came after the temptations in the wilderness. I noticed that He won the victory over self, over the Devil, over any personal ambition, and then He declared Himself to be anointed. Could there be a connection?

I am convinced that the only way to anointing is victory over self and self's ambitions. I am fully persuaded that to obtain more power (anointing) in my personal life I must practice more self-

denial. In every case in the Bible that I can think of, first came self-denial, then came power. Think of Abraham. First he left houses, lands, and family, and then came the covenant. Think of Moses. First came the denial of royalty and worldly honor, and then came God's command to lead the children of Israel. The disciples first had to forsake all and follow their Lord, then, at the appointed time, on the day of Pentecost they received power.

Anointing, by definition, equals power. The power to overcome self, temptation, and personal ambition, will be indicative of the anointed life. Jesus said, "Not my will but thine, be done." Can we echo that? Jesus taught self-denial and practiced it. John 8:29 says, "... For I do always those things that please him." Talk about anointing, no wonder He had power! No wonder His words changed lives!

Self-denial comes first, in every case, before power is given. Do you want more power? You must first practice self-denial. "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. I want to follow Him in anointing! I want more power in my personal life, don't you?

"There is power in unity." "There is power in prayer." Have you ever heard those statements? Have you ever considered that *both* of these take self-denial? How can even two people be united unless they first deny their own opinions and ideas? How can there be any power in prayer unless the supplicant is first willing to say, "Thy will be done"?

The word "power" comes from the French language. It means "to be able to." Webster's defines power as "the ability to do or act; dominion; authority; when energy is converted to work." I like the last definition.

An anointed message, then, is one that effects a change in the hearts and lives of mankind. An anointed message, or song, or life, or prayer, is one that touches the heart and soul, not just the emotions or the intellect. It's not just a "good thought" or harmonious singing, or pleasant-sounding words—it is life-changing, like the messages that Jesus preached. Good thoughts, sound philosophy, letter-perfect theology fall short of anointing.

Anointing, or power, we know, is the direct product of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8 we read where Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ..." That means, to me, in light of the aforesaid points of discussion, that with my yielding to the Holy Spirit and the practice of self-denial my life can be anointed! The more I yield to Him, the more

anointed I become. The more I give up myself to His will and service, the more effective I will be in reaching and changing the lives of others.

I want anointing! I want it in my life, first of all, and then it will automatically flow into every aspect of any work I do for God. Saints of God, let us be challenged to be more anointed!



There is Comfort Through Christ

By Connie Sorrell

This morning in prayer, my heart went out particularly to Christian women who have been given a heavy cross to bear in life. When the part of you that is to be the provider and protector turns against you to abuse, cast down, and perhaps forsake, that is a cruel cross to endure. You are not alone. "Jesus knows, yes, He knows; He was weary, worn and tried, Bore our many sins beside, Hungry, thirsty, crucified, And He knows." (#176, *Evening Light Songs*.)

Yes, there is Jesus, lover of your soul! He can comfort like no one else can! "Other friends may bless and comfort, Speak a kind and cheering word; But the balm to heal the heart-ache, Only Jesus can afford." (#78, *ELS*.)

When the man you trusted to care for you and be your life-long friend turns away a cold indifferent face, take your broken heart to the loving arms of Jesus. Jesus can comfort the disappointment, the despair, the grief. Harsh words nailed into your heart can be soothed by the warm blood of Jesus. Unfair accusations crushed down on your brow can be lightened by the touch of His hand. Stripes of ingratitude and lack of consideration can be healed by the closeness of Jesus' love. Jesus can be the dependable Man in your life. Stay with Him alone.

Jesus, in His last few words before His crucifixion, told His disciples: "... If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you ... He that hateth me hateth my Father also ... They hated me without a cause." John 15:18-25. If you are clinging to Jesus but abused by man, remember the anger and bitterness is not done unto you but unto the Father and His Son. Don't let the darts of bitterness poison your heart, but let Jesus shield the blows instead. Jesus is mighty and able to handle the worst of men. Cling to Jesus for strength and wisdom. Trust Him to handle the heart of man.

Often an abused wife has a double cross to carry. The Devil wants her to feel unforgiveable guilt, pointing out any errors she may have made, blaming her for the cross she is carrying. "If you had only. ..." is a favorite whip the Devil enjoys

cracking. Don't sink under that double cross and give up on the Lord. Remember the above Scripture: "They hated me without a cause." Sometimes the sweeter and more submissive the wife becomes, the harsher the husband becomes. Her goodness enlightens his wickedness, and until he is ready to be saved from sin, he angrily resists her goodness. Therefore, he may verbally blame and accuse her for all the "trouble they are having."

While it is good to have a sensitive heart for the Lord's chastisements, there is no need to stay under the Devil's whippings. Go to a quiet closet of prayer with a Bible and song book. If, according to the Word of God, you find nothing you have done wrong, and if God does not prick your heart on a particular fault, then find a good song to sing, and resist the enemy of your soul.

If you do find some area that you were weak in, then ask the Lord's forgiveness. Jesus bore His cross that you might be forgiven. The plan of salvation is the way of forgiveness—and also the way of gaining inward strength to go through the next trial with more grace and victory. You can be forgiven. You have hope. Increase in your faith. "Faith is believing, the promise is true, Trusting in Jesus your strength to renew; Resting so sweetly, secure on His Word, Shielded from danger with Jesus the Lord." (# 285, ELS.)

The first and most important thing is for **you** to stay sweetly saved. You may be the only light in your husband's (and children's) darkened world. Therefore, you are their version of the Bible, their compass of right and wrong, and their mental image of Jesus. If you really love your husband and children, then you will stay with the Lord and show them the way to heaven. Often the greatest victory is won right after the hardest battle.

Think about Jesus. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus cried and wept that His bitter cup of suffering be removed. It wasn't. Jesus submitted to His Father's will. (Luke 22:39-48). Not only was He falsely accused, mocked, and beaten, but He was rejected as an outcast and cruelly nailed to the cross. It was a very dark time indeed! Right then the disciples were bewildered. They clung together, hurt and fearful. Then Jesus arose in victory! All the sorrow, fear and hurt, were forgotten when they saw Jesus.

So it can be with you also. Touch the nail-scarred hands of Jesus and know that He loves you. Right now He will carry you through the hard times and hold you when you cry. He has prepared a mansion for you in glory and some day He will come to claim you as His chosen Bride adorned in spotless white linen. Hold on to Jesus, for He is holding on to you.

DELIVERED

Raymond Shaw, a native Indian, was born in British Columbia, Canada around 1935. His grandparents taught him the "old ways," such as fishing, crafts, religious sweat houses, medicine men, etc.

Every morning he ran to the creek. If frozen, he broke the ice, then splashed himself. He then ran until he was warm again. This conditioned his body to exposure and endurance.

As a boy, his arm was torn off while jumping a train. He walked for help, carrying his arm. The doctors reattached it. He regained about 70% use of it.

In his late teens, being energetic and ambitious, he joined a logging camp. He became a skilled faller and was much wanted by logging companies. He had some close encounters. Once he was crushed under a pile of logs. His entire body being black and blue, he was thought dead. He recovered and later came back to work. Another time he witnessed a cable break, killing the signal man.

By his thirties, Raymond had been around. He now gambled, drank, and was a brawler. Monthly the loggers went to town. Sometimes Raymond would buy hotdogs for the whole pub, then wander out and buy hotdogs for all the stray dogs; wasting all of his paycheck, amounting to over \$1000.

He was becoming a slave to sin and alcohol. Eventually he began losing his good jobs. Because of drinking and fighting, he lost his memory and didn't recognize his own family. He slept in streets and missions. At the missions, he was required to attend services before the meals. He called these "ear beatings." He attended A. A. and dryout centers. His memory returned, but he went right back to drinking, etc.

He didn't know that Jesus had his case in mind. Around 1983 there was a gospel meeting in the garage of some Christians. Some young brethren who were seeking out the needy, found Raymond in a wet ditch. They helped him home and asked him to come to the meeting that night. He promised he would, however, as the hour approached he decided he really didn't want to go. Not for another "ear beating"! When the brethren arrived he did not come out. However, he could not resist peeking out to be sure

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Editorials



There are circumstances which at times find a person in a crowded room, in which much of the oxygen is used up. Most everyone has experienced the closed-in feeling. There is also a "closed-in feeling" that the enemy would like to bring on every child of God. He will surround us with problems, make sin abound on every hand, turn the heat up, and in general, oppress the saints. If this is the feeling you have, let me give you some good news; there is a way out.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" Eph. 5:18. The Spirit of God lends fresh air to a soul, which dramatically improves breathing capabilities. When a person can breathe deeply, the feeling of oppression will leave.

Asthma is a difficult physical problem because it affects one's breathing, which is the sustenance of life. The breathing passages constrict, restricting the flow of air, causing a feeling of panic, and if progressing unhindered, leads to unconsciousness. There are those who are troubled with a spiritual breathing difficulty, and just as it is hard to hide an asthma attack, often times it is evident to an observer when the free flow of the Spirit is lacking in a person's life. Confusion, panic, and a lack of strength to keep self under control are the symptoms.

Here is a thought one author expressed. "What a fuss some people make when they do a little work for the cause of Christ. They are out of breath for a week after it, and can talk about nothing else." God's plan is for His people to be filled with the Spirit, and then each one will be able to quietly exert great effort in His vineyard. The oppression of the enemy will have to give way to the mighty rushing wind of the Holy Spirit. Our perpetual desire should be as the song expresses, "Come Holy Spirit, Dark is the hour; We need your presence, your love and your mighty power."



We appreciate all those who are praying for us here at the Print Shop. It is encouraging to us when people write and tell us they are praying, and we have felt the effects of those prayers. We need your continued prayers and cooperation for the work of getting out the gospel of Christ through the printed page.

We are still looking to God to lay the burden on someone to help us with running the press

that we use in printing books. This would be a sacrifice for someone to make when compared to a commercial job, but we can say with assurance that God will provide the needs of anyone who is willing to make a commitment to Him.

Many of our readers desire to know the dates of the Church of God camp meetings scheduled for 1992. In the past we have printed as complete a list as possible in the March issue. To make that issue this year, we kindly request that your information be in this office by Feb. 20.

For some time we have felt a need to have better capabilities of reproducing halftones that originate as color pictures. Recently a dealer in Oklahoma City offered to sell us a graphic arts camera below its list price. It still constitutes a sizable investment, but we felt it would be wise to accept the offer. The camera is scheduled to be installed the first part of February and will replace the Argyle camera which we have had in use for over 25 years. We feel this is a definite progressive step in better representing the gospel, and would be grateful for any whom God burdens to help defray this expense.

—Wayne Murphey

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—Dessie Wilson

PA—"Sis. Virginia Myers has a special unspoken request."

LA—"Please put a prayer request in for Bro. Nathan Carver's skin, eyes, and sinus affliction."

—Sis. Bhramayana

CA—"Remember my husband in prayer."

—Sis. Leona Pierro

KS—"Randall really needs a healing touch for the affliction he has had for the past eight years."

—Sis. Deloris Bradley

OH—"Please put Grace Wadall on your prayer list; she has cancer."

—Juanita Blankenship

MS—"Pray for me and my family."

—Helen Eacholes

IL—"Please continue to pray for my back."

—Sis. Nina Champion

LA—"Pray for me and my sister. Her health is not good."

—Sis. Velma Mancil

AR—"Sis. Lou Bray is having severe problems with circulation in her feet and would appreciate the saints' prayers."



MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

The 85th Annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting was held in Guthrie, OK from Dec. 20-29, 1991.

The Spirit of the Lord was with us in the

meeting—the main theme was consecration and outreach. We were challenged to move “up” not “over” and in this way we never get in anyone else’s way. We were also challenged to become really “qualified” to do God’s work.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 21, the flood warning sounded and the Cottonwood Creek began to rise, but in answer to prayer the water began to recede before it reached the campground. We praise God for this. Our burden for the completion of the new chapel and dining hall has been renewed with this experience. Please help us pray that this may be accomplished soon.

The meeting was well attended, and a good number sought the Lord at an altar of prayer. We trust much lasting good was accomplished.

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GOULDS, FL REVIVAL REPORT

We thank and praise God for another revival meeting. This is our first revival without our pastor, Bro. H. H. Hargrave, but we still have the Holy Ghost to dig, cut, stir, shake and deliver honest souls. Bros. Keith Fuller, Charles Taylor, and Louis Kimble were the ministers whom the Lord used to bring His Word in the revival. We are still feasting on the rich Word of God. Continue to pray for the congregation.

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BAKERSFIELD, CA REVIVAL

Lord willing, our annual revival here in Bakersfield, CA, will begin Feb. 7 and continue through Feb. 16. We will have nightly services Monday through Friday. There will be three services on Saturday and Sunday. We are expecting a special visit from God, that saints will be edified, believers sanctified, sinners converted, and bodies healed. We are expecting God to use ministers and gospel workers of His choice.

A hearty invitation is extended to all. We beseech every one of you to please join us in prayer for God’s special anointing that all souls will be richly blessed. For more information please contact: Bro. Archie Sherman at (805) 871-1636.

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Minister’s Gathering

Several years ago the ministers met at Myrtle, MO and had a profitable time of fellowship. Because of the broad appreciation the ministry had for this gathering, there has been a desire

expressed for another one. Consequently, plans are coming together for this meeting to be held March 5, —7, 1992. Lord willing, the Church of God congregation in Sapulpa, OK will be the host congregation. The chapel is located on old Sapulpa road, and has easy access to the Tulsa, OK airport.

At this time, eight sessions are planned during the three-day meeting. The first session will include testimonies, and in general a time in which the ministers can renew acquaintances. With openness for the Holy Spirit leadings, the format for the rest of the sessions will include a message or lesson from a minister who has labored in the work of the Lord for some years. The speaker will need to be conscious of the time, as it is hoped to include an opportunity for questions from the ministry on the subject that is expounded. Any elder minister who has a definite burden concerning how the work of the ministry can prosper according to God’s dealings with you and which your experiences have proven, should contact one of the following ministers as soon as possible: Bro. Ed Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 185, Loranger, LA 70446, phone (504) 878-4559; Bro. Richard Madden, 6250 S. 97th W. Ave., Sapulpa, OK 74066, phone (918) 446-8202; or Bro. Charles Elwell, 5322 Sooner Rd., Guthrie, OK 73044, phone (405) 282-0743.

This time of fellowship is open to ministers, gospel workers (such as a Sunday School superintendent or a representative from each congregation), missionaries, as well as those who labor in drug rehabilitation, prison ministries, etc.

Anyone who will need a place to stay who doesn’t have relatives or friends in the Tulsa or Sapulpa area, should let Bro. Richard Madden, at the above address, or Bro. Don McIntosh, 6553 S. 109th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133, phone (918) 252-5862, know if you would like to be placed in a private home. If you would like information on motel or hotel accommodations, Bro. Madden or Bro. McIntosh can be of help.

Meals will be served in the church dining room. Congregations or individuals can support this food expense as you feel led of the Lord. The host congregation who will be responsible for this would be appreciative.

This meeting is not designed to be a time of resolving problems, but of learning together, so all who can, come in a relaxed frame of mind expecting God to open new avenues of understanding in working for Him.



Letters From The Readers



LA—Our dear precious family of God: Thank you so much for your prayers and support through the past year of 1991. The Lord has been so wonderful to our family, helping us in starting a new life in Shreveport, LA. The dear saints here help out with the girls when I am working, enabling them to be in services regularly.

Unfortunately, our dear son is not with us. We are thankful, however, that his high school graduation in May was a success and he has an opportunity to go to L. S. U. in Baton Rouge, LA. Nevertheless, Tom is desperately in need of prayer for his soul and body.

We trust all of you have a wonderful new year.

Your sister in Christ,

—Catherine Bhramayana

OK—Dear saints everywhere: How good God has been to us in this present age. Sin has increased all about us, but where sin abounds grace does much more abound. (Rom. 5:20).

Truly I can say with the poet, "How can I ever praise my Lord enough, He's done so much for me! He saved my soul and set my spirit free, open'd blinded eyes and now I see."

I love the way of holiness. God is a holy God, Jesus is a holy Saviour, and the Spirit of God is holy. These three are one, and when they come into our hearts they bring this holy life within our hearts and no sin can have dominion over us. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. Yes, praise the Lord, for "freedom from pride and all of its follies, freedom from envy, hatred and strife, freedom from all that saddens my life."

The Lord is still hearing and answering prayer. We have seen the Lord heal and make well, and give grace and strength. Also we have seen souls saved from the power of sin. Truly He is just the same today. Let us all have faith in God. Let us love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He wants willing service. He desires us to be kind, merciful, gentle, and meek. Oh, how sweet it is to have these graces abiding in our hearts. Where these abide they will make us that we are neither barren or unfruitful in the Lord. It will make the home

happy, and it works in a congregation of saints.

May the God of all grace abide in the hearts of all His people to preserve us from all sin. We love all of God's children.

—Bro. and Sis. Albert Eck

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne: We are praising God as this old year slips away and a new one comes in. God has kept us saved and encouraged through another year, and we fear not the one that is ahead. We know not what lies ahead, but we know who holds the future. Praise God for that, and since we know it is God's will that we keep faithful and safely make it to heaven, then we know that wherever He leads us will be right.

We are very much encouraged in God and continue to look to Him for our daily keeping. We are still enjoying the journey to heaven and we praise God for who He is.

I do love the Lord and I mean by His grace to keep pressing onward and upward. "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

Christian love,

—Shirley Knight

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all: May our dear Father enable you to keep on publishing the Christian tracts, books, and *Faith and Victory* paper. America surely needs to read Christian material. There are many people following the Devil. It makes our heart sick to know what damaging material the Devil is causing people to print to deceive souls.

Continue to pray for our Father to heal my right eye. He gave us this promise in Exodus to hold to and I am doing this.

Christian love and prayers for each of you,

—Letha M. Reece

Philippines—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey, workers in the Print Shop, and all the faithful saints of our Father in heaven: Greetings in the wonderful name of Christ to every one everywhere.

While reading the *Faith and Victory* paper of December 1991, about the successful trip report to Russia, my mind recalled in the Holy Scriptures about the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar whose secret vision was revealed by the wisdom of God through Daniel, the prophet. It was about a stone cut without hands. Today Russia was hit by the stone of Christ. This is a great victory for God's Kingdom.

As time moves forward, we hope and pray for more of God's work by the brethren; to save

more souls in other countries of the world, that Christ can reign in the hearts of people everywhere.

Here in Mindanao, Philippines, we send you our prayers to press on in the gracious and glorious light of the gospel, for the salvation of God's chosen people in this last dispensation.

—Bro. Leonardo Salvaña and family
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CA—Dearest ones: I just wanted to let you know that Alvin passed away Dec. 12. I wanted to let you know sooner, but I just haven't felt well enough to write. I miss him so much.

The Lord has really blessed us with wonderful children; two sons and two daughters. We kept Alvin home with us and the boys were wonderful. They lifted him for me and did the heavy work. I couldn't have asked for more devoted and loving children.

We are all very sad to lose him, but we are so happy for him. We know he is with the Lord. He was a good daddy and husband.

Please continue to pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Helen Whitehouse
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MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please help me pray for my son, Cecil Hill. He can hardly hear or see, and he has back and stomach trouble. He needs your prayers. Most of all He needs salvation. Please pray for his soul that he will get right with God and receive the Holy Ghost. Thank you for your prayers, and God bless you for all you do for Him.

—Sis. Eathel Hill
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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and all you dear ones: Greetings in the dear and sweet name of Jesus. Praise God for His dear children and their precious prayers for me. I thank Him for my many blessings from day to day, and that He does give me strength to do what I have to do. I am much better. My back still needs complete healing. At times it hurts and feels weak. . . . God is always there when we need Him, and on time.

I pray all is going well with all of you and the Lord's precious work.

All my love and prayers,

—Sis. Olive Getterson
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AL—I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. It is such a beautiful day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice therein. . . .

I surely do want to help further the work of

the Lord and get the Word published to all nations. The Bible says when the Word is published, or preached, to all nations, then He will come. He tells us in one place to pray for the hastening of His coming. I do want every one to be ready. It seems we are living in the end time.

We are praying for all the workers out there. May God's blessings be on all of you. Do remember us all out this way when you pray.

Love and prayers,

—Bro. and Sis. Emmett Gerald
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CO—Dear *Faith and Victory* workers: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." I promised the Lord I would send in my testimony. I took a holiday trip for two weeks in Trent and Ervett, Washington. . . . The Lord took care of me and I want to give Him the glory.

My daughter, Sarah, asked me to put in a request for her to be remembered in prayer that she will be healed. Her doctor believes she has cancer. When I lived in Portland, OR, she always requested prayer for her daughter and God answered. I know He can, and she also believes God is able.

I am praying for the workers there who help get the paper and tracts out. Our help from the Lord is greatly to be praised. He is good to us all. He hasn't failed me and I won't fail Him. I need the prayers of each one to keep faithful, because of myself I am nothing. May God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ, —Naomi Jones
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MO—Dear saints: "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works." Ps. 9:1.

We do praise the Lord for all the marvelous things He has done for us. We are long overdue sending in our testimony. We are thankful for salvation; for the victory He gives us daily. Our heart's desire is to please Him each day.

We are thankful for God's healing power. Sometime back I had a severe gum infection. After the Lord healed me I was told if the infection had gone to my brain it would have been fatal. The Lord has spared my life many times.

In June, 1990, I had a hard fall, injuring my right knee. I thank the Lord for taking care of that.

In May 1991 we were traveling from Ohio to the Myrtle, MO meeting. We were both weary in body. Donald was sleeping while I drove. I fell sound asleep with the cruise set on 65 m.p.h.

When the car hit the left shoulder, Donald woke up. He grabbed my arm, which woke me. The hand of God protected us. Words fail to express our gratitude for His loving care.

My husband is doing quite well after having the flu and a back injury.

May the Lord bless each one of His children is our prayer.

Lord willing, we are planning a move to Jefferson, OR in March.

Pray for us that we will be faithful in His service.

Christian love,

—Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp

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CA—Dear saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

Thanks much for your prayers. I am much better. I am going through quite a test, but my God is with me in it all. I yet need an agreement of prayer for the sale of my home. It is not good to be alone at this age any longer. I will be 88 on March 9.

In warm Christian love, —Margaret Hall

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LA—Dear ones: I thank the Lord for salvation and His mercy and love to me. I want to thank the Lord for healing a spot on my back. The Lord also brought me through a heart attack several years ago and added years to my life.

Pray for us, —Sis. Patsy (Doolittle) Turner

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MO—Dear Brother Murphey: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. I want to tell all of the saints that Jacqueline Marie Yoder married her best friend, Timothy Wade Porter, on Jan. 6, 1992.

I do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper, so keep it coming to me.

Your friend, —Bertha M. Yoder

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CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful to be able to see this day and for being saved and sanctified. It is only the mercies of the Lord that I am yet in the land of the living. I am determined to do what I believe the Lord wants me to do. I am living as if every hour might be my last. I have purposed it in my heart.

My dear cousin, Sis. Geneva Pierro, was a good example to me. The last Sunday she was at church, she had a duty to do for the Lord. The services were dismissed before she could get the

attention of everyone that she had a poem to read. The minister asked for the attention of the audience and some gathered very close to hear her, because her voice was soft. This is the poem she read:

"Procrastination"

(When I Have Time)

"When I have time, so many things I'll do
To make life happier and more fair
For those whose lives are crowded now with
care.

I'll help to lift them from their low despair,
When I have time.

When I have time, the friends I love so well
Shall know no more these weary, toiling days;
I'll lead his feet in pleasant paths always,
And cheer his heart with words of sweetest

praise,

When I have time.

"When you have time—the friend you hold so
dear

May be beyond the reach of all your sweet
intent;

May never know that you so kindly meant
To fill his life with sweet content—

When you had time.

Now is the time! Ah, friend, no longer wait
To scatter living deeds and words of cheer
To those around whose lives are now so drear.
They may not meet you in the coming year—

Now is the time!" —Gordon Owen

When Sister Geneva Pierro had finished reading the poem, some felt very inspired, and encouraged her. It was so heavenly being near her, yet not knowing that it would be the last time we would see her alive.

Your sister in Christ,

—Sister Geneva K. Norling

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SC—Dear Brother Wayne and saints: My name is Clinton Crummie of Holly Hill, SC. Jesus saved my soul in October of 1990. I am so thankful that He opened my eyes, and I want to please Him with my life.

I thought men didn't cry, but since Jesus came into my heart I cry often in joy.

Remember our congregation and my family in prayer. May God bless every one is my prayer.

With Christian love, —Bro. Clinton Crummie

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"Let lovers of God have no religion but God alone."
—Dag Hammarskjöld

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From Mexico . . .

Dec. 12—Greetings in the love of our Lord to whom we owe all the honor and glory. We are thankful for the way He is blessing the work here. We have had beautiful services, and on the first or second Sunday of January we plan to have baptism. Three of the young brothers and an older brother want to be baptized. Even though it's very cold they don't want to wait. We praise God for them!

There are two brothers who have a desire to work for the Lord. One is now working in Maneadero (a small town near to where we are), and the other will soon start working in Ensenada. The work of the Lord is growing and we feel that we have a lot to do. . . .

Please pray for us. Our responsibility is great.

Your sister in Christ, —Panchita Escobar

From the Philippines . . .

Dec. 18—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings of Christian love from your brothers and sisters in the Philippines. May peace, hope, joy, and love from our Lord fill your hearts.

We are preparing for our fellowship meeting to be held in Caridad on Dec. 27, in Palistina on Dec. 28, and in the city on Dec. 29. In the afternoon of Dec. 29 we shall have water baptism, communion and feet washing. We are praying and hoping for a fruitful and glorious meeting. I am so happy for some young people who are interested in studying the Bible. Last night we started our Bible study at 5:00 p.m. and closed at 9:30 p.m. They have many questions about salvation and sanctification. They said they were so happy and thankful for the Church of God now present in the Philippines. Most denominational churches believe that Christians are still sinners. My heart is flowing with joy for every soul being saved.

Greetings to all the dear saints in the Print Shop who are giving their time, talents, and strength for Christ's cause. Give my love to all the saints there. Your brothers and sisters in the Philippines are all praying for you and hope to see you all in heaven some day.

Your co-laborer of the gospel,
—Matias S. Tangunan

From India . . .

Dec. 19—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear ones in the Print Shop, and the dear saints abroad: Happy newyear and greetings to you all in the unique name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. "Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee." Song of Sol. Song 1:3. May the savour of Jesus' name spread all over the world through Christians everywhere. May God bless the saints of God everywhere with new strength, new graces, new visions, new gifts, and new songs. Praise the Lord.

We are getting ready for our 27th General Convention which starts Jan. 15, 1992. We have to make a temporary tabernacle which we call a "pandal" with bamboo poles and coconut leaves. We also have to rent some chairs for old folks to sit in. We will arrange accommodations for many brothers and sisters coming from distant places. We need to prepare food for many people three times a day for five days. You can imagine the expenses for these things, for which we need your prayers. These expenses and efforts are not in vain if we get a few souls saved.

Please continue to pray for us as we do for you every day.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

From Nigeria . . .

Jan. 4—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Holy greetings with the compliments of the season in Jesus' victorious name. Indeed He is our only Lord and Master who lives forever. . . .

For the edification of the members already in the Church, and the salvation of more souls, our last quarterly programme of the gospel work started here in Tombia on Tuesday the 17th of December, 1991, and was concluded on Friday the 27th, 1991. During that period God strengthened us through His Spirit, and as a result, ten of us were led out to a distant fishing settlement with the Good News, where we stayed four days. Like as it was in Samaria, there was joy among the dwellers there, so much that they presented some gifts to us, some in cash, and others in kind. The fishing settlement is named Opukiri, and our sister in Christ, whose name is Fibo, stays there. At the end of the open-air activities there, 16 people willingly gave us their names. These had patience and stayed with us in the last gathering, up until midnight. On the fourth

day, two women, Elemchi and Erinki, called us to their respective houses and requested prayer for the healing of their bodies. Please include these two names in your prayer request list for divine healing. It was somewhat disappointing to note that none of them requested to be baptized, in spite of the confession several of them made publicly. Please assist us in praying for the germination of the gospel seed sown at Opukiri. Feet washing and the Lord's Supper was kept here in Tombia to mark the closure of the December quarterly meeting.

Let me seize this chance to thank all the saints who honored my earnest prayer request regarding the perennial land dispute between my community, Tombia, and her closest neighboring village called Bukuma. Indeed, God does answer all your prayers, and in effect He has stopped the bloody fighting. We are glad that we serve a peace-loving God, and He alone is our defence.

The oldest in our midst is ill. He is Bro. Felix Punch. Please help pray for his recovery. My wife and I have been receiving healing recently from the Lord's atonement.

May God be with all of you.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

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Mexico Report

Jan. 22—Dear saints: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. We wish to thank each of you for the offerings you sent for the work in Mexico. As many of you know, the congregation in Tijuana, under the leadership of Bro. Humberto Murillo, has been in great need of a chapel. Thank the Lord and the saints, a two-story building, 24' x 32' feet, has been erected. As soon as the Lord provides for the metal roofing and a few other materials, it will be ready for use. If the weather is warm enough, this Sunday they will probably use their "new temple" (for that is what they call it) without a roof.

On January the fifth, Bro. Reuel and Sis. Vivian Gibson, Phillip Bell, Derek Probst, Jeremy, Jonathan, and Jason Booher arrived with expertise, zeal and plenty of energy. They also brought offerings for materials from different saints for which we are very thankful, as the pouring of the cement floor in December had almost depleted our funds. The fifth, sixth, and seventh it rained day and night, but the Lord sent a warm, sunny, windy day on Wednesday, and we were able to start the project. It went up

fast with James getting materials, and Bro. Reuel Gibson directing a crew of six American and three to five Mexican boys. Despite the language barrier, God blessed each one to do a lot of good communicating. The Mexican brethren were greatly impressed with the loving and caring attitudes manifested. Appreciation has been expressed over and over again. They say it has been a time they will never forget, and I think the Americans feel the same. It was a great time of fellowship and interchange. I believe it is safe to say that everyone who had a part enjoyed it very much. We trust that you who have given money for this project are also being blessed for your contribution.

At this time the building is roughed in with cement floor, plywood walls, roof beams and perkins, doors, outside stairs, and an 8' x 24' second floor which will be used as the office of "Mision Rescate" which Bro. Humberto is also operating. Jobs remaining to be done are: putting on the metal roof, installing doors, painting, electrical wiring, building more floors and walls upstairs, and making benches. Most of this work will be done by the brethren of the congregation.

To this date we have received \$2,849.23 and have used \$2,502.05; leaving a balance of \$347.18, which is not enough to finish the building. If anyone wishes to help, it will certainly be appreciated.

February 2, 1992 will complete four years that Bro. Humberto has labored in this location. His first services were held outside, later, homes were opened for services. For the last year a tar paper and cardboard building of "Mision Rescate" has been used for their meetings. In August, 1990, several from this congregation attended the camp meeting in Ensenada. From that time until now a bond of fellowship has grown between us. Bro. Humberto and wife Cecilia attended the Monark Camp Meeting and rejoiced in seeing the truth demonstrated. They often remark, "This summer we met three and four generations of families living holy lives, so we know it can be done."

Other than bouts with the flu, God has graciously blessed us with reasonable health and every temporal need. Above all, He has kept us moving on in the narrow way. We are thankful for the success of the past year and are looking forward to more victories in the coming one.

Christian love,

—Charlotte Huskey

Honduras Report

Jan. 13—Dear saints: We greet you in Jesus' name! We who are interested in the work in Roatan, Honduras, would like to update you on the plans and needs that are there.

Lord willing, we are planning another trip to the island of Roatan in the spring. This trip will probably be for two weeks. The first week, April 26-May 3, a week's meeting is to be held on the island in a tent. The second week will be spent reaching out to some of the other places on the Honduras mainland that have not been visited. We desire your prayers and support in this effort.

Secondly, the need for a vehicle over on the island still exists. We have a truck here in the States that was purchased for the work there, but it doesn't fit the need, exactly, so it has been sold and we are currently looking for a more adequate vehicle. A basic van with plenty of seats, or a diesel pickup, is what we are looking for. We estimate this vehicle to cost from \$3000-\$4000. Shipping the vehicle from Florida to the island will cost \$800, and customs fees will be about \$700. A possibility of driving the vehicle down to the mainland and shipping it on across to the island is being investigated. This second need is probably the most pressing at this time. We would appreciate any assistance in this effort also.

The third item we would like to put before the saints is a longer term project. For the work to move on to another stage and become more than just a place to visit once or twice a year, we feel that a permanent facility is needed. A site in the village where Sis. Saunders lives has been located, and plans are going forward in the design of a chapel and living quarters to be built on this location. Bro. Toney Samons and family are planning to go back to Roatan in late August to stay awhile and help get this project started. This, of course, is a major undertaking and will require a dedicated effort by all the saints for this to become a reality. A more complete and exact cost figure will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

We believe God wants to move His work forward in these last days in Honduras and in every other part of the world. God has blessed the people in the United States with a much higher standard of living than all other peoples. If God's work is to be accomplished, we must be willing to sacrifice some of what we have to

promote His cause in the less privileged parts of the world. Let us seek the Lord for an understanding of the role He would have us fill in His great kingdom.

Yours for the Lord,

—Bro. Toney Samons, Bro. Louis Kimble, and Bro. Keith Fuller

In Memoriam

Flora B. Davis was born Oct. 23, 1898, in Crawford County, AR, and departed this life on Dec. 13, 1991 at the age of 93 years, one month, and 20 days. Sister Davis was the daughter of Dovie Ann Dumas and Samuel Thornton Walker.

Sister Davis came to Los Angeles in 1930. On Nov. 12, 1938, she was united in holy matrimony to Lenious S. Davis, Sr., who preceded her in death.

Sister Davis was raised in the Christian faith of the Church of God. God endowed her with a special gift of faith, and she trusted the Lord for over 60 years, and remained faithful, doing what she could until the very end.

Sister Davis was known as "Nana" and "Mama Davis" by many. She was a foster mother to many unfortunate children who loved her.

Sister Davis leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Reba Stockard of Las Vegas, NV; two sons, Clifford Davis of NY, and Lenious Davis, Jr., of Los Angeles, CA, as well as two foster daughters, Christine Tripp of Los Angeles and Nadine Swaffi of Lynwood, CA; eight grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, several great, great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends who loved her dearly and shall miss her.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Calvin Hobbs, with interment in the Lincoln Memorial Park, Compton, CA.

Sis. Nannie Belle Moore, daughter of Sydney and Peggy Evans, was born in Boley, OK on July 28, 1914.

Sister Moore grew up in Boley, graduating from the local school. She then moved to Oklahoma City, OK, where she met and married Alfred Moore, who preceded her in death. To this union two sons and a daughter were born. One son, Robert, preceded her in death.

In 1944 Sister Nannie Bell and her husband moved to Pasadena, CA. Later, in 1949, the

Moore family moved to Bakersfield, CA where she was employed 14 years at Kern Medical Center. Being very industrious, she was instrumental in making it possible for Blacks to receive cosmetology training in Bakersfield. She graduated with its first Black class. In the early 1960's she opened her home for board and care to the needy. She faithfully and dutifully cared for others for many years.

Sister Nannie Belle was saved as a young woman. In later years she renewed her covenant with the Lord and served Him faithfully. After retiring from her board and care home she more faithfully, joyfully, and regularly, attended church services at the Church of God in Bakersfield, where she often testified, reminding the congregation of her hope in Christ.

Sister Moore will be greatly missed by a loving daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Dino Wright, of Los Angeles, CA; one son, Alfred Moore of Bakersfield, CA; one sister, Iola Johnson of Boley, OK; seven grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and many who loved her dearly.

A graveside service was conducted by Bro. Archie Sherman and Bro. Eddie Johnson. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Bakersfield, CA.

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Agnes Savannah (Robbins) Huskey was born in Punta Gorda, FL, to Alice (Hunts) and David Robbins on Nov. 23, 1899. She passed to her heavenly reward on Jan. 4, 1992, at the age of 92 years.

Sister Huskey was raised in the home of pioneer Church of God people. She heard the truth directly from those first evening time reformers; D. S. Warner, B. E. Warren, C. W. Naylor, D. O. Teasly, and others. This teaching found lodging in her sincere heart so that her faith was anchored in the truth.

She met the Church of God Saints in Pomona CA in 1956. In 1958, she was united in marriage to the late Hans Patrick Huskey. They worked together as pastors of the congregation in Orland, CA for 18 years.

For the last 15 years God used Sis. Huskey in counseling. Her room in the Sunset Guest Home, at Pacoima, was a holy sanctuary, where many souls found spiritual help.

She is preceded in death by her son from a previous marriage, Harold Dunaway, and two brothers, Bryant and Warner Robbins.

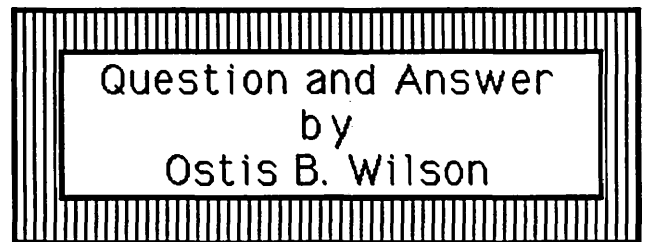
Sis. Huskey is survived by a daughter, Abbie Alice Gumley, three grandchildren and two

loving sisters, Myrtle Sartain and Ellaree Roberts, both of Florida.

Others mourning her passing are a niece, Pat Emerson, stepchildren, James and Charlotte Huskey and family, David and Edith Huskey, Jim and Esther Hightower and family, and a host of saints and friends.

We appreciate the flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy received after Mom Huskey's passing. Her passing has closed to us a great storehouse of spiritual knowledge, yet the things she has shared will speak on to us, for she, like Abel of old, being dead yet speaketh. God help us to live so our lives will continue to be a blessing, after we are silent in death.

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Note: This is article No. 6 in an ongoing series on the subject of sin.

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Someone asked me that if it were true that we could inherit a depraved or corrupt nature, why would it not be true also that we could inherit a righteous nature? The answer to that question is: whatever we may inherit by way of nature, traits, and disposition from our parents, we inherit what they were by nature and not what they are by grace, so that it would not be possible to inherit holiness from them even though both of them may be saved and sanctified. Whatever degree of grace they may possess, it is the work of God, and the work of God in the soul can not be transmitted from father to son.

But let me stress that the transmission of one's spiritual nature is from the royal head of the race, whether it be the old creation (Adam), or the new creation (Christ), and is not from the immediate parents. We were born of Adam (the old creation) the first time and inherited his depravity of nature. Herein lies the basic need for being born again. Now if we will be born again of God (the new creation), the righteous One, we will inherit from Him His righteous nature.

When one is born again, born of God, he does inherit from Him a righteous nature as the following Scriptures will prove. "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the

image of him that created him:" Col. 3:10. "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:24. ". . . That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:" Col. 1:12. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 20:32. See II Peter 1:1-4. Verse four says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Rom. 8:29. These Scriptures all declare that for the twice-born soul, saints in light, sanctified, there is a special inheritance which consists of a

fruits of sin in their extreme form.

We see then that the entire human race was in a sad plight under the thralldom of sin and stood in need of redemption. Jesus Christ is declared to be our Redeemer. Galatians 4:4-5 says, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To **redeem** them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Titus 2:14 says, "Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem** us from all iniquity. . . ." Colossians 1:14 says, "In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:" Revelation 5:9 says, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed** us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"

But redemption implies a restoration to a primitive or former state. For an example: Suppose you borrow \$1000 and make a note for that amount to be paid in twenty \$50 payments and secure it with a mortgage on your home. Then

"The child. . . has deep within his being a nature which contains in an undeveloped and embryonic form the seed that may later on produce any or all of these fruits of sin in their extreme form."

conformity to His image which is declared to be "righteousness and true holiness," and being a "partaker of His divine nature." So we see that when one is born again of the righteous One, he does inherit a righteous nature. But we must not overlook the fact that everything checks back to Adam and Christ, who are the royal heads of the two races—natural and spiritual.

Once when I was discussing the native depravity before a class and spoke of it as corrupt, someone asked, "What do you mean by corrupt? Do you mean vile, wicked, ungodly?" Now all these terms are all right when applied properly, but not in their common usage or as they are usually looked upon in their extreme form. All of these have varied degrees from the lesser to the greater as there are also degrees of holiness. When we think of these terms, we commonly think of them in their finished, extreme, exaggerated form and connect them with the drunken sot, the woman of the streets, the lascivious and unclean wretch and profane and vulgar persons, etc., consequently we revolt at the idea of looking upon a child as in that class, and that is exactly right. The child is innocent. But at the same time, that child has deep within his being a nature which contains in an undeveloped and embryonic form the seed that may later on produce in his life any or all of these

suppose you pay ten of those payments and go to the banker and tell him you would like to have the mortgage lifted off your property. He will check the record and find that you have only paid half of what is owing on the note and will tell you that the mortgage can not be cleared until you have paid the full amount. Then suppose when you have paid nineteen of the twenty payments you go to him again and ask for the mortgage to be lifted. He will check his record again and note there is still one payment owing on it and inform you that it can not be cleared until that payment is made. But when you make the last payment, the full amount of the note is paid, you can require him to clear the mortgage. If he should refuse, you could take him to court and compel him to. This makes it clear that in order for a thing to be **redeemed**, it must be just as free from debt as it was before any debt was made on it.

This is true of redeeming the soul also. As already observed, at some length the transgression and consequent fall of Adam affected all of his posterity and plunged the entire human race into sin. Paul said in Romans 7:14, ". . . I am carnal, sold under sin." Our father, Adam, sold all of his posterity down the river and delivered us to be bondservants to another man. The Devil held a blanket mortgage on the entire human race which

could not be lifted until a suitable sacrifice to satisfy God's sense of justice could be made. Jesus Christ made this sacrifice.

Mankind today is, in general, the same as he was created, and possesses the essential characteristics that he did then, except in one particular sense. He has undergone a change in his moral nature through the fall and has lost the moral likeness, purity, and holiness in the image of God which he possessed when he came fresh from the hand of God.

This is the full aspect of the redemptive plan as it affects man morally. The redemption of the body from death is also part of the plan and that will be realized in its fulness at the resurrection of the dead in the last day when death shall be destroyed and his dominion broken and the body comes forth to live forevermore.



Delivered

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it was them. His eyes met their eyes. He couldn't back out on the nice fellows who had befriended him, so he came. He wasn't aware of what was said at the service.

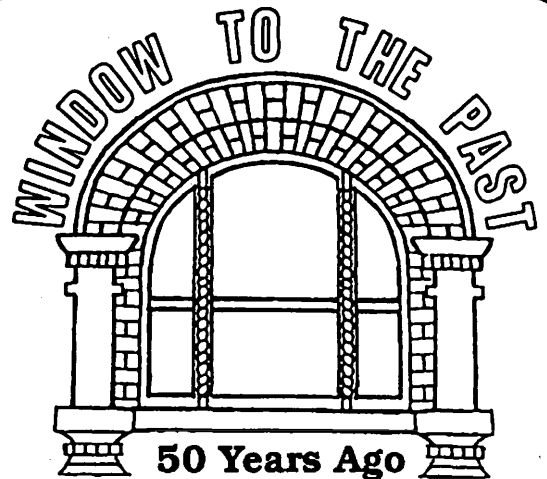
Suddenly he was hearing what seemed to be a very personal invitation just for him. His feet began walking right to the prayer bench. He didn't know what to expect, but he wanted help so much!

No one remembers what, or how long he prayed. But Raymond stood up a **new creature**. No one has ever doubted it. Someone said, "It will be a miracle if he makes it." That was true. The Lord did a miracle and kept doing it. He had no more desire to drink. He went everywhere telling it. He went to reservations, telling his own family.

His niece saw him in a street meeting, singing and smiling. She had never seen him smile! She remembered him always drinking and fighting. She was so impressed that she came forward out of the crowd and confessed her own need.

Being human, Raymond had other problems and weaknesses. He confessed these and asked for the Lord's grace to be an overcomer. After confession he spent approximately two years in prison. We visited him there. He stayed true, and now is a free man. The last contact we had, he was living in Seattle, WA, faithfully telling all who would hear him about Jesus.

We hoped that he would give his own account, but we were unable to reach him at this time. Listen, readers, be encouraged to sow the gospel seeds of love towards humanity. Our Heavenly Father will cause them to germinate and grow. It is yet to be seen what consecrated efforts will do.



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"Someone may ask, 'Is it possible to glory in persecutions, and tribulations? Does one really glory in these things?' Well, what has been done, can be done. And further, what has been done is being done. The Scriptures tell us, 'When they had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.' Acts 5:40-42."

—Ulysses Phillips

"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.' Acts 11:26. The Christian is man in his completeness. He is not something more than man, neither is he something less, but man in his perfect manhood. 'Ye are complete in Him.' The Christian is not an addition to man's manhood, but he is the true type of manhood. To not be a Christian is to be something less than man. When man measures to the stature of the fulness of Christ, he also measures to the fulness of himself. When we say, 'Be a man,' it means in the full sense, 'Be a Christian.'" —C. E. Orr

"There shall be wars and rumors of war.' At this present time we realize this fact more than ever before. . . . We can serve our country by raising foodstuff, caring for the feeble, by praying, and assisting in every thing of a constructive nature."

—Marie Pauline Sass