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Hearts Like Thine

God, give us hearts that feel for those
Who have not seen thy face,
Who have not felt thy tender touch
Nor known thy pardoning grace;
Kind hearts of sympathy that share
Their sorrows as we kneel
Before thy throne in fervent prayer:
God, give us hearts that **feel!**

True hearts that love, we crave, O Lord,
Not self, but those in need;
Well-fraught with balm of "oil and wine,"
And swift in golden deed;
That seek the wand'ring lambs that stray
Far from thy fold above;
That bear them home in bleeding arms:
God, give us hearts that **love!**

For hearts that pray, we ask thee, Lord;
That cry till early dawn
For captive souls in tombs of sin
Whence hope's last ray hath flown.
Till heavenly beams expel their gloom,
Till breaks the light of day,
Till angels' hands unseal the tomb:
God, give us hearts that **pray!**

God, give us holy hearts like thine,
That weep and **love** and **pray**,
That **feel** for those disconsolate,
Grown weary on life's way;
Oh, fill us with compassion deep
And sympathy divine,
Till round the world we send thy balm:
God, give us hearts **like thine!**

—Clara M. Brooks

The Fruit of the Generations

By Connie Sorrell

Good morning, Autumn days. We know when you come by the coolness that creeps into the house overnight. Moving summer aside, the chilly breezes of autumn let us know it is time to hunt the closet for stored jackets and heavier clothing. It is also the season when yellow school buses slow down the traffic right when everyone is in the biggest rush. Sad it is for the driver who seems in too much hurry to stop for a red flashing school bus light! Beware of school zones and traffic police because they seem to go together when school starts.

The beautiful passage of scripture in Ecclesiastes the third chapter tells us: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; . . ." Basically, in the autumn it is the time to "pluck up that which is planted." Before there is an ending, there has to be a beginning.

Children learn in science that only living organisms can reproduce and be fruitful. Gardens are planted in the spring, attended in the summer, plowed under in the autumn, and the preserved produce from it is enjoyed in the winter. If the spring and summer is productive, we reap richly in the harvest. The planting followed by reaping must continue in order to feed the earth's five and a half billion people.

Just as the seasons have a personality, so each time in a person's life has its own character traits. We rejoice at the birth of a new baby. We praise successes and frown at disappointments.

We congratulate the graduate and celebrate with the newly weds. We anticipate their first child and rejoice again when another child is born. All these times are joyous and life is busy as each year adds a new leaf of memories to the family photo album.

Then comes death. We weep over death because life is valuable. Sometimes we don't realize how valuable until death separates the soul from the body. Though a person's life time be as the flower of the grass that soon fades away, we are never expecting death so soon when it comes our way. Loved ones treasure memories of the departed but with the turning of time, they also pass away.

Inhabiting the earth is a new generation. They inherit the pre-planned blessings or the unsolved problems that the old generation left behind. Indeed, there are many ancient problems still existing today. The nation of Israel continues their war with the Philistines and Canaanites. Their children have never received the blessing of their promised Messiah because they have been told lies about Him. The old cycle of hatred and war will never stop for them until they believe on the Messiah who came to bring them peace in their hearts.

Many nations are suffering today from the sins of their forefathers. The unrest in Russia, the unhappiness in China, the guerrillas' terrorist attacks in South America, . . . so the list could go on and the underlying reason is found in Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Innocent children are born into a world of suffering because of the unrighteousness of their forefathers. What is able to break these destructive cycles? Who is willing to plant a seed of truth and hope into the hearts of the coming generation?

In the United States we see that unrighteous seeds of destruction are growing which shame the Christian standard our country was founded upon. First of all, America has already allowed 25 million babies to be slaughtered before birth with approximately one million five thousand more slaughtered every year. That breaks down

to almost three babies killed by abortion every minute. Planned Parenthood and radical population analysts try to justify this murder of the unborn by claiming that our country is overpopulated. However, the death rate is now higher than the birth rate in America. Liberal congressmen seek to model our country's depopulation goals like that of China's which maintains each woman the legal right to give birth to one child only. (Heaviest populated, Mainland China has 288 persons per square mile.) World-wide, if every person was given fourteen hundred square feet to live, the entire world's population would fit in the state of Texas. (Figure taken from *Arizona Citizen* by R. Cort. Kirkwood.)

We should not be killing the next generation, but we need to be training them to establish solid Christian homes. Sound impossible? God planned it this way in the beginning. The first twenty-four chapters of Genesis relate God's plan for mankind. It speaks of two types of reaping: blessing and punishment. Noah and Abraham obeyed the voice of God and they reaped the blessings. This choice is possible for anyone or

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There are bad seeds of destruction planted in our society through the television networks and magazine industry. Parents who have a desire to train their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, should carefully observe and direct what their children see, hear and read. Many television programs do not have good moral values but ridicule morality instead. Recently, the fall programs have been announced and it is terrifying just to learn what 99 percent of America's society will be watching.

CBS has a new sitcom entitled: "Love and War." It is mixed with all varieties of adultery, fornication, and lasciviousness. Fox has a new series called: "The Heights" which is about a rock band in search of interesting women. Need we mention any more?

This type of programing hardens the hearts of men, women, boys and girls. Television has two basic messages: there is no absolute right or wrong and killing is okay if "my hero" does the killing. How contrary this is to the Word of God!

The average television viewer can listen to suggestive language peppered with blasphemy and never feel a bit of guilt. They witness an average of 24 murders in one evening and become excited when the "bad guys" are caught and executed. Are the younger generations learning that human life is yet valuable? Will they become so hardened that there won't even be sorrow when a loved one dies? Already our country is suffering from the low esteem of life. With over five hundred serial killers loose in America today, it seems our government would see that evil corruption threatens public security.

In nature, autumn is a beautiful season when apples turn red and peaches are sweet, that is, if bugs, worms, and flies do not live among them. If the fruit trees are treated with insecticide when the fruit is young, there is less chance of insects destroying the crop. No one likes to bite into an apple and find a half of a worm.

So in our world today, good seeds need to be planted and nurtured in the younger generation. We are already harvesting sin and immorality sown in the past. When red lights on a school bus flash, the average person knows to stop or pay the consequences. Our nation highly esteems this law to protect the youth, but the worst crime is what our society is feeding the minds of our young people. The older generations are responsible for the children that they are rearing. If the Lord tarries His coming, each generation will reach an autumn in their lives. When that comes, we should be able to enjoy the good fruit which we have planted and grown.



"I WILL GUIDE THEE WITH MINE EYE"

By Bro. James Bell

Ps. 32:8 was a precious promise given to us by the Lord as we were praying one morning in Moscow, Russia. We had said our good-byes to our family in Tulsa, OK, on June 14, and we planned a 26 day trip to different parts of Russia. It was very difficult to leave them this time, especially my wife who had been a real blessing to us and the people last year when we visited Moscow. Bro Bill Lassache was to meet me in Moscow one week later as I first wanted to meet with some of the people I had previously contacted and spend time with them.

I would encourage all young people who desire to work for the Lord, to start now and pray that God will direct you, and should you be directed to Russia, you need to learn the Russian language. It will be a great blessing to those people if you could converse with them in their native tongue the "good news."

My heart goes out to them when I see their plight. The wages hardly make ends meet, and the effect of alcohol is very evident on men and women alike. Their expressionless faces show their disappointment and struggle for just mere existence. The influx of Western Culture is around everywhere, and sad to say, it is not for the best in every circumstance. Religious confusion is everywhere. Every church seems to want to be first to get their foot in the door. Inflation has climbed to 1000%, and higher on some food and transportation costs.

They need God so much in their country. To send food and money is not the answer. It must come through a relationship with their Maker, not from the government to the people.

We had several experiences in Moscow. Once we got lost in the bus and didn't know where we were. The Lord helped us stay calm and we stayed on the bus till it went around its route and came back to the place I started from. The Lord helped us to not be afraid and we are thankful for His blessings.

Another time when we were walking down a sidewalk near a construction site, eight or ten dirty Gypsies, with little babies on their backs, saw me and cried out, "American, American," They came running after me, grabbing my shirt, pulling my arm and reaching into my pocket trying to rob me. I knew God had to help me. I kept walking faster but they wouldn't give up. I kept one of my hands on my billfold, and I had a belt purse on which I kept my other hand on. They stuck their hands into my pocket and tried to pull my billfold out, but I grabbed their hands, and all at once they took off and ran. It just seemed that God drove them off of me. I learned later there was a Russian man in back of us who started yelling and pushing them away from us. When it was all over I was comforted by the thought again, "I will guide thee with mine eye."

I must praise the Lord at this point and say how grateful we were for God's protection over us. We traveled hundreds of miles by bus, train, subway or car and walked over many dangerous

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EDITORIALS

Time progresses on, and the autumn of the year is upon us. This year is winding to a close to make way for another. It is always challenging to think that just as years have cycles, so do our lives. We don't know how close the end for each of us may be, but as we see wickedness flourishing in the world, we can't help but feel time may be drawing near its close. However, when temporal things seem to be going in a downhill direction, the spiritual part of each individual, and the church as a whole, can be flourishing, growing and expanding. "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." II Corinthians 4:16.

Here is a verse which shows the progression of a Christian. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." II Peter 1:5-7.

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6. There is a seed of faith planted in the heart of every believer, and it is upon this, that the whole Christian experience is built. One writer said, "Man must be arched and buttressed from within, else the temple wavers to the dust." Another has written, "Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us."

The newly-saved person should be concerned about virtue. The Greek Diaglott renders "virtue" as fortitude, which is inner courage. Soon after a person leaves an altar of repentance, he will have plenty of opportunity to exhibit courage in the way of former companions and new temptations. This needed courage is no small thing, but God has the grace, a measure of which is given at the time of forgiveness, that every temptation can be met, dealt with and conquered. When great courage is shown in the flesh, then that person is made a hero; a status only a few attain. In the Christian life, heroism is the norm.

The next need the Christian will feel is for knowledge; knowledge of the Bible and knowledge of God's will. God never places credence in

ignorance, unless it concerns sin, but has invited us, saying, "Come now, and let us reason together..." Isa. 1:18. This is an opportunity we should not pass up. Think of the wealth of knowledge contained by God, and to reason with Him will certainly raise our level of comprehension.

The knowledge of God will soon enlighten us that we must have temperance in our lives; a quality the world greatly lacks, and one that even Christians can fall short of. Temperance means control of temper, tongue, thought, will and emotions. This will make for happiness of others as well as ourselves, and is a great testimony to the world of what God can do. A man who was once addicted to alcohol and had lived in poverty because of it, but gave his life to God, was asked sneeringly by a friend, "You don't really believe that yarn about Jesus turning the water into wine?" "I don't know about water and wine," replied the convert, "but I know this, that in my house Jesus Christ has turned beer into furniture! And that is a good enough miracle for me."

Patience is another slant to this Christian life we must all work on. With this virtue, we are discussing something that is getting deep into the experience of the Christian life. If you possess patience, you can possess just about anything. The much revered Carthaginian church father, Tertullian, once said, in speaking of the Pharisees and Christ, "They should have known that He was God; His patience proved it."

This thought flows into the next quality the apostle Paul mentioned - godliness. Godliness is nothing more or less than being god-like, and attaining to the admonition which Christ gave, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48. This is really the goal for man and should be the aim of us all.

Paul went on to include brotherly kindness. This is next to godliness and puts godliness into practical use. Perhaps the Priest and the Levite passing by the man who had been robbed and wounded were godly, but it was the good Samaritan who showed brotherly kindness. Brotherly kindness will be without partiality and hypocrisy, and will do unto all men as we would want them to do to us.

Love is the topping on the Christian life and should flow down and intermingle with all the other qualities. It is love for God that will cause

us to have faith in God. Without love for God we will not have the grace to be courageous. Knowledge without love will puff us up. Love will enthrone God as supreme in our lives, causing all temporal things to be secondary and us to be temperate in them. Patience without love is not patience, just a forced self-control. Godliness without love is nothing but a form. Brotherly kindness without love is superficial etiquette.

As our days of life shorten, let us renew our push to possess and gain more spiritually. This is the way we can end this race with triumph.

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This October issue is going to press several days early so that Bro. Bob Saltee will be able to accompany some of the brethren from this area who are planning a trip to Goulds, FL. Their purpose is to help in the rebuilding of the homes of the saints which were damaged by hurricane Andrew. Pray that they will have a safe trip and much will be accomplished in the few days they are there.

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We are nearing the last phase of the presidential election, which should be of concern to all people. Every president sets precedents with his administration, determining the direction our country takes, whether it's closer to godly morality, or toward humanistic corruptness. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." I Tim. 2:1-3.

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We want to thank those who have been sending in gift subscriptions for the *Faith & Victory*, and would like to encourage others to do the same. If you know someone who may be interested in this Gospel paper, please take the time to send in their names and addresses.

—Wayne Murphey

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We are asking a small fee in the amount of \$7:00 per booklet which will include updates twice a year. Please direct all correspondence to: Sis. Kimberly Francisco, 8633 Columbus Avenue #6, Sepulveda, CA 91343. Phone, (818) 893-0724.

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Prayer Requests

PA—"We ask prayer for Galen Houck who is suffering from cancer. Remember his wife, Joyce, as well." —Barbara Campbell

LA—"Please keep praying for my hands. It is very difficult for me to write." —Ivey Brooks

KY—"Remember me in prayer for the healing of my body; also an unspoken request."

—Sylvia Reeves

PA—Sis. Ruth Godshall needs prayer for an affliction.

FL—Richard Baxter severely injured a finger in a chain saw accident.

MO—Jason Pierce has been critically injured in a car wreck, and urgently needs the prayers of the saints.

OH—Continue to hold Sis. Essie Abbott before the Lord, that He will heal her body and work out the needs she has.

Meeting Reports and Notices

DUNCANNON, PA MEETING REPORT

We thank God for His blessings and dealings during the tent meeting held in Duncannon, PA, and wish to also thank the saints who gave of their time and prayers. It was surely an encouragement, and opportunity was again afforded to souls to be saved. How sad it is that so many have turned down the great invitation to be saved from the clutches of satan. We pray for God's continued mercy to us all. He surely is longsuffering. —Barbara J. Campbell

BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

We give all thanks and praise to God for the wonderful camp meeting He blessed us with in Boley. We appreciate all the ministers, workers and saints who came to work in the meeting. The Word was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and our souls were refreshed from Heaven.

May the dear Lord bless and reward every one that put forth an effort to help in the meeting.

Yours in His great name,

—Katherine Williams

FRESNO, CA FALL REVIVAL

If the Lord wills, the annual Fresno, CA Fall Revival will begin October 23, and continue

through November 1, 1992 at 388 N. First St., Fresno, CA. We are praying that the Lord will send ministers and workers of His choosing. We would appreciate your prayers for the meeting, as well as your presence. We are looking for all who come to receive a spiritual blessing. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor. Phone, (209) 348-1016, or Bro. Charler Parrish, (209) 485-3465.

—Sis. Gladys Foster

LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Loranger, LA Assembly Meeting is to begin Sunday, November 22, with services daily through Sunday, November 29. Look for a complete announcement in next month's issue.

DECATUR, AL REVIVAL MEETING

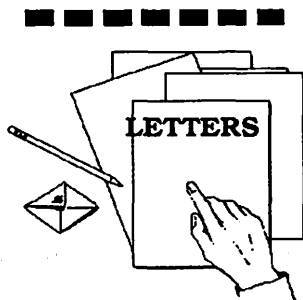
Bros. Mart Samons and Louis Kimble will be holding a revival meeting in Decatur, AL, in The American Legion Hall, located at 1626 4th Ave. S.E. The date of the meeting is set for October 18-23, with nightly services at 7:30 P.M. There are motels close by for those coming. For more information, write or call Bro. and Sis. Omar Bebee, Rt. 1, Box 88, Madison, AL 35758. Phone, (205) 772-7714. Everyone is welcome to come. Do pray for the meeting as this is a new field of labor.

—Bro. Mart Samons

JEFFERSON, OR ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR will be held November 6-15. The first service will be Friday evening at 7:30. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

R.V. hook-ups and sleeping accommodations are available on the grounds. Those needing further information may contact Bro. Donald Sharp, (503) 327-3621, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.



OH—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the saints: Time is running out and as we see sin abound-

ing in these last days we can look to Jesus, our blessed Savior and Lord and say, "... Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20.) Our hearts are praying for His soon return.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. Thank you so very much. Please pray for my children as they need much prayer.

In His precious Holy name,

—Sister Agnes Moore

AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: Praise God from whom all blessing come. I pray all is going well with all you dear ones.

I have heard from Sis. Carmen Simpson. It is a very sad time for them. The terrible storm hit where they live and the house is a mess. When it rains the roof leaks and every thing gets wet again. We need to pray that the dear Lord will find them some place to live. God always sees our every need, and I know He will make a way for His dear children.

I need your prayers also. My back needs a healing touch. I have a lot of mowing as my yard is huge. It wears me out. I have so much work I never get caught up, but when I call upon my dear Lord it helps so much. He gives me strength when I feel so down. I don't want to sell my home. I want to live in it till I die. Just think, in heaven we can rest forever. Praise God.

All my love and prayers,

—Sis. Olive Getterson

LA—Dear Ones: I want to take this opportunity to tell of the goodness of God to me and to thank all for their prayers, cards and letters sent to me. They are such a bright spot in my day, and the card from the Monark camp grounds—it was so good to read all the names. The family of God is very special. May God richly bless each one!

In April my back hurt so much that I had to be helped out of chairs and out of bed, but I could still walk. As all probably know, I have been bedfast since May the first. On May eleven I was taken by ambulance to the emergency room for X-rays and a CAT scan. I was told that I had osteo arthritis, osteoporosis, and a ruptured disk in the lower lumbar region of my back. Since I declined medication, I was loaded in the ambulance and brought back home.

There were many times I called for prayer and the Lord answered. Many times when things were difficult, the Lord would bring such a blessing that I would rejoice in my soul. I had

many visitors. Saints came and prayed for me and still do.

In July my back felt better, but I still couldn't walk, sit up, or stand. On August third I was taken to a Baton Rouge hospital for physical therapy. The first week of August I was told I had multiple myeloma (bone cancer), of which there is no cure, and that I needed chemotherapy treatment immediately. I asked the doctor how long I had if I didn't take the chemotherapy. He said, "Maybe a year or less." I refused to take the treatments, so I am home again. I am considered terminal so Home Health Care helps to care for me. They furnish a hospital bed, wheel chair, etc., also nurses and aides. My husband has been very faithful to help care for me all this time.

When I first got down I felt the Lord would heal me, but if not I was ready to go and asked God to search my life. This has been good for me because God has shown me areas where I needed help. I had too much of self, so by the grace of God I hope to be a better person. God fills my soul with joy, peace and love!

About the second or third day I was home from the hospital, I was able to sit up in the hospital bed for the first time since I have been sick. I sit up most of the day and can write and read. I have very little pain now, most of the time, none! That is such a blessing. God is so good. I can sit on the edge of the bed with both feet on the floor for a short time. I hope to be able to stand and get in a wheel chair soon, then maybe walk again. When I think of the way I felt and the way I feel now, I am made to praise God. He has done so much for me. I have trusted God for my healing for many years and I still do. If I am left here for a short period or a longer time, I am happy and satisfied with Jesus Christ my Savior.

Pray for me that I will be faithful,

—Sis. Ferne Laub

CA—My dear friends and co-workers: This is just a line to tell you how much I appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper, also the Bible lessons. I really and truly enjoy these monthly blessings sent from the true Word of God. I feast on these blessings and am able to pass them along to others.

I love my God and all of His blood washed saints with all my heart. As the Holy Spirit moves on your hearts, remember me and my children.

May God's riches blessings overshadow each one of you.

With Christian love, —Verline Williams

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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so thankful that I gave my heart to Him and learned to serve Him while I was young. I was in great darkness when Jesus brought the light of His Word to my heart . . .

Being isolated, I don't have much contact with the saints, so I really look forward to the *Faith and Victory*. It is like a letter from home.

I am so sorry to hear about Sis. Hargrave's home, but am thankful there was not anyone hurt. I felt concerned and prayed for the saints in Florida.

My children in New Orleans came home until the hurricane was over. They heard later that had it hit New Orleans, the city would have been under thirty feet of water since New Orleans is so much below sea level. Thank the Lord for His mercy and goodness!

I have many needs before the Lord and would appreciate an interest in your prayers.

In Christian love, —Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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OK—In Psalms 104:3 we have this, "Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind."

Again in Psalms 18:10 we have this, ". . . he did fly upon the wings of the wind."

Also I have heard of a poem, or song, that contained these words: "He plants his feet upon the clouds, and rides upon the storm."

I heard one of our brethren say one time that when he was driving across the open country one day he saw a tornado and said, "There goes my God riding upon that storm."

Well, I have written all of this to introduce the idea of God riding on the storm and to confirm that He actually did that. He actually rode a severe thunder and lightning storm right through our apartment about ten days ago. He steered it right through and it did us no harm, though it was real close to Evelyn.

In the early morning hours of September 7th we were awakened by the lightning flashing and the thunder booming. It was raining and hailing furiously and Evelyn got up to watch it. She soon came back to the bed and sat on it, but had not lain down before a bolt of lightning came right through our apartment, straight across our bedroom, and passed right in front of Evelyn

sitting on the side of the bed. It destroyed our telephone right by our bedside and then ran down the wire to the wall jack and burned it black. That jack was just back of the headboard. If Evelyn had lain down when she came back to the bed her head would have been perhaps less than a foot from the line of that bolt of lightning, and she might have been hit. It is kind of shivery to think about, but God was in control of that storm and we magnify His glorious name for His protection and care.

As that lightning came through it knocked out our air conditioner. It sounded like a bomb exploded and the room lit up like a bright light.

—Ostis and Evelyn Wilson
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TX—Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of Jesus. I thank the God of Heaven for giving His only begotten Son to save our souls so we wouldn't have to perish. I need your prayers for my right arm and shoulder. I have rheumatism in it, and it gets to hurting before I can write very much.

Thanks to the good Lord and you all for the work you are doing in keeping so many encouraged and pressing on by reading the good testimonies of healing.

Christian love and prayers, —Nellie Lovell
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WV—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers there: Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus. I trust you are all well and encouraged in the work you are trying to do for Him. Paul said something about "his works sake." I don't feel we would love Him much if we weren't concerned about His cause.

I am pressing on. The Lord is blessing us to stay in the fight. I must go to heaven, at any cost. I need your prayers . . . —Bro. Mart Samons
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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: We are thinking of you all and trust you are all well.

We have had some trials, but the Lord has been very merciful and helped us so much.

We appreciate all the workers who are so faithful there and trust the Lord will abundantly bless each one . . .

Keep pressing on. God bless you. We need your prayers, —Mike and Kay Stover
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. We pray that this finds all there well in body and joyful in soul. In our evening devotions a few nights ago

we read I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." The life of Jesus was consecrated to doing "all to the glory of God" and we are to be like Him. A life lived by this precept will leave no room for selfish desires or worldly pleasures, and God will be able to use us to draw others to Him. Please pray for us that we will be able to measure up to this commandment.

The Lord has answered prayer for us the last few days in several things, one of which was having an additional bedroom built on this house. All necessary permits have been issued and the foundation is ready to be poured; probably today or tomorrow. Pray for us that the weather or something else will not interfere or cause delay in the construction . . .

We will continue to hold all there to God in prayer and ask a blessing that all the material that you send out will be a blessing to all who read it, and a means of Salvation for some.

With Christian love,

—Bro. Bill and Sis. Doris Busch
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MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: I greet you in the blessed name of Jesus. Today finds me still trusting God. He never changes. He is the same today as He was yesterday . . .

Some time ago I wrote you for prayer for my stomach. Thank God, I can say it is much better. I thank you for your prayers. Most of all I thank God for His healing power. The Bible says, "ask and ye shall receive."

May God bless you and all at the Print Shop. Keep me and my loved ones on your prayer list.

—Sis. Eathel Hill



FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From the Philippines . . .

September 10—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings of brotherly love in the name of Jesus. Best wishes to all the dedicated saints at the Print Shop. Our strength is renewed when we think that we have brothers and sisters from the U.S.A. who are always behind us in our battle for truth. The *Faith and Victory* is a great blessing to us. The pages are a complete diet for our souls as we grow to the fulness of Christ. It binds our hearts closer to

the fellowship of the saints from different places in the world, although we are far apart.

We also received the Bible lessons yesterday for July to September. We used it as a guide in our Bible study Sunday classes and Wednesday evening midweek services. I made a brief outline and translated it to our dialect and distributed it to our Sunday school teachers in different congregations. I thank the Lord that we have two new voluntary pastors in the city congregation. They work as part time pastors because they have to work for the support of their families also. One is my brother in the flesh, brother Elisco Tangunan. He is a college professor and he also has a religious bookstore. He said he is very happy and thankful because he feels more blessings from the Lord while giving more time in His service. The other one is brother Severino Villanueva. He is a barrio official (councilman). He also works as part time pastor and he said he is planning for a house to house evangelism campaign with some brothers and sisters in the city. They also visit the congregations in the barrios. The church treasury gives them an allowance for transportation and a little aid for their families.

Again we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your unending love for us. Please give our loving regards and gratitude to all the dear saints in the U.S.A. who never fail to think of lost souls in the world.

Your brother in the harvest fields,
—Matias S. Tangunan

Honduras, C.A. Report

September 12—Dear Saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I am thankful to be saved and pressing the battle upward. My wife sends greeting of love to all, and we desire your continual prayers. We appreciate the prayers and support of the saints. We are truly living in a time in which the enemy does not want us doing anything positive for God. But thanks be to God we have the victory over satan and his angels. We are very thankful that the Lord spared us here from the hurricane, and we are praying for those in Florida that the Lord will continually bless them. Anyone trying to reach Sis. Hargrave for information may presently reach her at this number: (305) 424-6748.

Bro. Wayman Palmer and myself have just arrived from Central America on September 7,

1992, and we thank the Lord for a safe trip. We left behind on the island of Roatan, Bro. Toney Samons and family, and Bro. and Sis. Jim Wall. While we were there services were held in La Ceiba and on the island of Roatan. Four more souls followed the Lord in baptism. Bro. Toney and Bro. Jim held services in La Ceiba while Bro. Wayman and myself held services on the island of Roatan. The attendance was good, and we thank God for His blessings upon us.

We were able to get the van to Florida and on the boat, to arrive by the 18th of September in Roatan. At that time funds will be needed to take it out of customs. Bro. Toney and Bro. Jim have made a good advancement on the building. The concrete columns are in place and half of the floor joist has been installed. Bro. Jim says by the week of the 17th there is hope that the wall will be up. We had hoped to open an account to purchase materials, but the people want cash and that has created a problem. So there is a need for finances to complete this project, plus living expenses for the brethren. Also a call has come in on September 11, that the generator has blown a head. The reported amount needed for all the projects, as of 9-11-92, is \$8,000.00. The brethren feel that they can complete the work while they are there to avoid any other cost of getting someone to finish it. Thank you again for your letters and support in the past. May the Lord reward you.

Your fellow laborers in Christ,
—Bro. Kimble and The Honduras Company

From Liberia . . .

August 27—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings from the saints of the Church of God in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. I trust that all is going fine with you and the workers at the Print Shop.

Things have been very much unstable in this country politically. The so-called Freedom Fighters are now fighting and killing innocent citizens in the western part of Liberia. For this reason, things are completely closed, even all private and government schools.

However, the Church is going on very fine. While I was in the U.S.A. I told you all about the very urgent extension of our small chapel. Let us always pray for one another. God bless you so richly.

—Josiah K. Pah, Sr.



"The price paid for our redemption means that hell is a fearful place."
—Selected

IN MEMORIAM

Alta Wilma Marken Harris was called home by her creator, at her home, on August 29, 1992, at the age of 75.

She was born November 28, 1916, the daughter of Alvin W. and D. Anna Mallory Marken, near Deer Trail, CO. Wilma moved at a young age with her parents and her sister, Ruby, to Grainfield, KS, in a covered wagon. The family later moved to Oakley, KS, where she met her lifetime mate, Charles E. Harris. They were married on November 28, 1937, at her parent's home near Oakley. They were loving and devoted 60-year sweethearts and were married nearly 55 years.

A dedicated, caring Sunday School teacher of 30 years or more, Wilma once asked for and got a class of junior boys that had disposed of two or three teachers. The returned love and respect of those boys was one of her cherished memories, along with the many other young people whose lives she touched.

In later life, Wilma returned to the profession she had started and loved before her marriage. She was a member of the first Licensed Practical Nurses class offered by the College of Southern Idaho and spent 17 or more years loving and caring for family, neighbors, friends and new acquaintances.



Question and Answer by **Ostis B. Wilson**

This is article number twelve in this ongoing series of articles on full salvation; justification and sanctification.

My purpose in this article is to bring a scriptural distinction and comparison of Old Testament and New Testament justification, and possibly clear up some questions in some people's minds which have been asked at different times.

The justification obtainable under the New Testament economy is far superior to the justification obtainable under the law in the Old Testament economy. In Acts 13:38-39 we read, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached

unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified FROM all things, FROM which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Note, it is stated here that we who believe can be justified FROM all things FROM which they could not be justified under the law.

Justification under the law was obtained by the shedding of blood. Hebrews 9:22 says, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." But in that case it was the blood of animals. Leviticus 6:6-7 says, "And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein." In Leviticus 4:20, 26, 31 and 36 where the sin offering is under consideration, it gives instructions on how to proceed with the sin offering and it says in these verses that "the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him." Also Leviticus 5:10, 13, 16 and 18 which only states the same thing over. The same thing is stated in Numbers 25:25-28.

In all these texts a promise is contained of the forgiveness of sins when the blood of animals is shed. The forgiveness of sins is all that is promised here and that is the only justification they received under the law. But they did obtain pardon and the pardon they received was as good as the pardon we receive through the blood of Christ. Now please do not misunderstand me to be saying that their salvation was as good as ours; far from it. But pardon is pardon no matter on what condition it is granted. But that was the full extent of justification obtainable under the law. Such sacrifices were not sufficient to take away sins. Hebrews 10:3-4 says, "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Verse eleven says, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the sacrifices, which can never take away sins." It is not said here that these sacrifices could not obtain forgiveness of sins, but that they could not take away sins. There is a difference between forgiving sins and taking away sins. For instance, if one who was a liar would receive law justification, he would be forgiven for all the lies he had told, but would

not receive power over the evil habit to refrain from lying thereafter. He had been a liar because he was inwardly disposed to lying and as the law of sacrifices could only provide forgiveness for sins, but could not take away sins, he would not be delivered from the inward disposition to falsify. He would soon be found indulging in the evil practice again and would stand in need of another repentance. Hence there was a remembrance of sins made every year and a big annual day of repentance and sacrifice for sins was observed. Read Leviticus 23:27-29.

In New Testament justification under grace, the individual is actually justified FROM THOSE THINGS from which he could not be justified under the law. In other words, he does not only receive forgiveness for sins committed but he also receives a cleansing of all sinful habits out of the heart, thus enabling him to live without committing sin. Under the law dispensation there was a remembrance made of sins every year, but in this dispensation God says that our sins and iniquities will be remembered no more. (Hebrews 10:16-17.) This is based on the fact that the blood of Christ not only provides forgiveness for our past sins but imparts at the same time grace to live without committing sin. Hence, no further remembrance of sins is necessary.

Justification is twofold. It has a positive and a negative side to it. This is what New Testament justification under grace does. It provides for the forgiveness of all past sins when properly confessed and forsaken, and also provides for a cleansing from the power of all sinful habits and practices, thus enabling one to refrain from committing sin. Old Testament justification did not provide this second ingredient, but only the first ingredient, (forgiveness) and the people were still under the power of sin and had to continue bringing sacrifices for sin over and over to keep up-to-date on their forgivenesses. Grace is a New Testament doctrine entirely. It was not Old Testament doctrine at all. The word "grace" occurs perhaps not over a dozen times in the entire Old Testament, and in most of those references it refers to special favors granted from one individual to another individual, and not of God's special favor to human kind. The grace of God that saves and keeps from sin issued forth from Calvary when Jesus, the Son of God, died to make an atonement for the sins of all mankind.

In I John 1:9 we read, "If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Righteousness in this text refers more to one's outward acts than to their inward condition of nature. Righteousness is a form of the word "right" and signifies a doing of those things which are right. Unrighteousness, then, would signify a doing of those things which are not right, or committing sin.

In New Testament justification, life is imparted unto the soul; the very Christ-life. This was not obtainable under the law dispensation. In Galatians 3:21 we read, "Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law."

New Testament justification brings peace with God. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Guilty sinners under condemnation could not have this. Isaiah 48:22 says, "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

New Testament justification produces a holy life. Those who are justified before God do not commit sin but live a holy life free from sin. I John 3:8-9 says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." And again in Hebrews 3:1 we read, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, . . ." In this text the brethren are called "holy brethren," but they were not perfected because the great burden of the entire epistle is to show an advanced degree of grace under the types of the Jewish sanctuary, and is an exhortation to go on to perfection. Hebrews 6:1 says, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; . . . It also contains an exhortation to enter into that which was not possible before the shedding of Christ's blood. Hebrews 9:8 says, "The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing." Again Hebrews 10:19 says, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter

into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." We are told in II Corinthians 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." This perfection is our sanctification. Hebrews 10:14 says, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

In Romans 12:1-2 we are instructed to present our bodies holy unto the Lord and this is so we can prove the perfect will of God. The will of God is declared to be our sanctification in I Thessalonians 4:3.

All of these texts sum up to the fact that one who is justified is living a holy life free from sin, but that there is another degree of holiness to be obtained which is declared to be "perfecting holiness."

Failure to understand, recognize and maintain a distinction between living a holy life free from sin in the justified experience of justification, and actually having the heart purified, cleansed from the native depravity, and the shedding abroad of the love of God in the heart, and being filled with the Holy Ghost (Read Romans 5:1-5.) by a second definite work of grace, has resulted in some not seeing the need of going on to perfection, or even concluding that there is no such experience for them. This is a very serious mistake and we exhort that no one make this mistake, but diligently pursue your course on into the completion of your salvation.

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DELIVERED

By Robin Moles

I write my testimony for the glory of our Heavenly Father, who has so richly blessed my life with salvation and sanctification. All praise and honor be to Jesus.

I was not reared in a Christian home, but was taught good moral values. I always had a fear of God and a respect for my Grandmother who was one of the saints. As a pre-teen I always told myself that I would never smoke, drink, etc. But without the power of Christ's blood in my life, it was impossible to resist the wiles of the

devil on my own strength. At fourteen I began to drink, smoke cigarettes occasionally, and date. However, I said that I would never smoke marijuana or do other drugs. Nevertheless, shortly I began getting high and doing speed. I became very into "me." I started wearing a little makeup at first, which then developed into a full face and I dressed in whatever the world was wearing, whether near nothing or not did not matter.

It was only God's mercy that I didn't sink into devil-worship. As a teenager, satan visited me often to the place where I feared to go to bed at night. I listened to heavy-rock music frequently. I am here to tell those who think that rock music is okay that it is a work of satan to destroy souls and pull them into his domain. I recall one night being pulled out of bed by the leg by satan. To my knowledge I wasn't dreaming but was wide-awake. I was so scared. I knew that I didn't want to go with him, but yet the life I was living indicated that I did. I, at that point, remembered my mother telling about "rebuking the devil in the name of Jesus Christ." So with much fear I repeated this three times and was released and sat up in the bed very frightened but still unwilling to submit to God. Other instances of this nature occurred and the Lord convicted my soul numerous times, but I didn't feel I could give up the world and the "fun" I thought I was having. When the Lord would convict me of my sins, I would tell Him, "Not now Lord, I'm having too much fun, but I'll give my life to you when I'm old." Thank the Lord for His mercy and for having other plans for my life.

I went to college for three years where I declined even farther. I started frequenting the clubs with friends. A lot of the things I told myself I wouldn't do, I did. I continued the "party-life" and began to occasionally snort cocaine. I got tired of school and quit before obtaining a degree. I wanted money so that I could do what I wanted to do. I quit school and got a job. After about four years of working, I decided that I wanted to make even more money and be a "career woman." I then went back to college in the evenings after work.

One thing throughout the story of my life that you'll notice is that I never was satisfied with anything. I was always searching for something. We are incomplete without the Lord.

The Lord once again began to deal with my soul. He was dealing so hard with me that I tried everything to ignore Him. Every time I would get into my car to go somewhere, I got an over-

whelming feeling that I was going to die if I didn't yield to the Lord. I felt that the Lord was telling me, "I'm not going to deal with you anymore." This scared me because I knew I didn't want to go to Hell. One evening while going out to jog, I looked at my life and I wasn't happy. I thought that I had the world in the palm of my hand, but yet I wasn't happy. I then asked myself "What's missing?" and an almost audible voice said "God." I knew that was the answer but yet I tried to fool myself into thinking that I could make myself happy through "glamor" and "partying."

One night after a class, I was driving home and the Lord began dealing so strongly that I couldn't take it any longer. I broke down and said, "Okay, Lord, what is it?" Before I knew it I was crying, repenting and asking the Lord to come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord, I was washed white as snow by the all-cleansing blood of the Lamb. I had no idea how to get saved but thanks be to Jesus He carried me through. When I got home I started reading in a family Bible that was there, and before going to bed I had prayer, not even really knowing how to pray. The next morning when I awoke I thought, "What in the world have I done?" and the spirit of the Lord rushed through my soul and I was satisfied and knew that I was saved and going on.

The Lord instantly began to deal with me concerning my outward appearance and making things right with those I had wronged. I went to different churches, wanting them to be right, but deep in my soul I knew that they weren't.

One night while deep in thought regarding the different churches, and which was right, the Lord gave me a vision of a train. On the front of that train was my Grandmother and the train came to a split in the track and had to make a decision which way to go and it took the right track. At this I was astonished but very sure what way to go. Thank the Lord! He is so faithful to lead his people out of confusion into the glorious light of the pure Church if their hearts are honest.

I can victoriously raise holy hands to the song that says, "All this world, its wealth and honor, cannot sate the human breast; but when filled with God, our Father, every want is fully blest. My soul is satisfied, my soul is satisfied; I am complete in Jesus' love, and my soul is satisfied."

It has been two and one half years since I gave my life to the Lord and I have never

regretted it. The Lord has richly blessed my life with a wonderful husband, and I am very satisfied to be a housewife and a child of God.

As previously stated, I tell this all to the glory of God; to tell how He delivered me from the depths of sin and gave me glorious peace. This part of my life that I have shared, along with other things not mentioned, is all under the blood. I tell it only to glorify Jesus and to help any poor soul out there who isn't satisfied with their life to know that there is a better way. All you have to do is give your life to the Lord and He will carry you through. The Lord is "longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.



"I WILL GUIDE THEE WITH MINE EYE"

(Continued from page 3.)

roads, sometimes at night coming home from visiting, and we never got so much as a scratch or sprain. There were a few close calls, but nothing more than what could happen at home

As I stated before, Bro Lassache was to meet me in Moscow one week after I arrived. Through miscommunication I was not sure of his flight schedule. I knew the date, but not the time. It was a blessing and answer to prayer when we arrived at the airport and met Bro. Bill sitting there waiting on us. He said, "How did you get here so fast? I just called ten minutes ago." At that time he didn't know that God had impressed on me to come and get him! We were thankful for the communication between God and us, even though we had miscommunication through people. We were going to a German speaking people in Russia and Bro Bill was a good German translator. We just simply couldn't have gone there without him, but there were different times when we needed to send telegrams or find directions in Russian and we marveled how God would send some English speaking person to help us out. Even when there was no one around that could speak our language, we managed to buy food with my very limited amount of Russian and Bro. Bill using hand signs.

We were in Moscow for approximately two weeks. The next part of our trip was to visit some Saints in Alma Ata, which was a five hour trip from Moscow, and three times zones away. We had no telephone number, nor any real assur-

ance that there would be anyone to meet us when we arrived. Bro Bill was impressed with the scripture that "...Satan hindered us." I Thes. 2:18. We had some hindrances in Moscow and felt there were going to be more in Alma Alta.

After the plane landed and we unloaded our luggage, we headed for the terminal where we walked right up to Bro. Reiberg and his son-in-law.

Our reception was not very warm and we didn't know what we were in for, but they kindly loaded our luggage on the car and we were off to Bro. Reiberg's home.

Bro Reiberg is 71 years old and lives by himself. His wife died 11 years ago. He had contacted the "Faith Publishing House" in 1989, wanting gospel tracts and information about some of C.C. Carver's works etc. We stayed up until 4:00 A.M. after our arrival visiting with him about many things. He thought we were from another group of people who he had no confidence in. Finally we said, "Bro. Reiberg, why don't you ask God who we are? He can reveal us to you by the Spirit of God." With that we went to bed and got a few hours rest.

The next morning Bro. Reiberg came into the bedroom where Bro. Bill and I were sleeping. He said that he was praying and asking God about us, and that God revealed to him that we were the children of God. It was such a blessing! Tears came into his eyes and he then greeted us like brethren.

We learned many things about how the saints have lived in times of persecution from without and within.

There were times when the congregation reached 300-400 people. Now it numbers scarcely a dozen. Many who once were close to God have either moved away in body or moved away in spirit.

We shared many things together. It seemed the eight days we were to stay there with him were gone before we knew it. On Wednesday they assembled for prayer meeting. As we were about to enter one of the sister's apartments, he asked us "Are you truly Abraham's seed?" We confirmed that we were indeed. He then smiled and we headed toward the apartment. It was a very exciting time to see them come one by one into the small living room. There were approximately 12 people. At 6:00 Bro Reiberg stood up and told the congregation all about us. Everyone started weeping and he walked over to us and greeted us like brethren. It was a special

time. They marveled at how we could find them, not speaking their language, traveling half way around the world, and they being so few. I told them the scripture the Lord had given me in Ps. 36:8 how he would guide us with His eye. We had a good worship service for 1 1/2 hours, then we ate supper. They really treated us well.

The eight days we spent there were full of travel visiting his little flock, and learning about many things the church has experienced in Russia since the early 1900's. The Bible was banned from reading in public or private by the authorities, so they hid the word of God in their hearts, and also hid their Bibles in the forest under trees and under the leaves.

They were called in question many times by government officials, but since they were never registered as a church with the government, the officials didn't feel a threat from them. Thus they had a minimum amount of persecution from them. Stalin closed all churches in 1932-1946. Bro. Reiberg says it was an act of God because of corruption that was in the churches.

There was little working for God at this time. It was a dark period. Bro. Reiberg was saved in 1946 and sanctified one year later. Because of the Reiberg's love for God they were persecuted and lost all their possessions.

They were in labor camps from 1935-1941, then they were moved farther north until 1959. There is much that happened to these poor people that we don't feel would be beneficial to talk about, but Bro Reiberg was blessed to be the only man in his camp of 15 who survived. All others died of hunger and cold.

They have two Church of God songbooks, one in German and one in Russian. Most of the time they use the German songs. They just don't have enough of the songbooks. We felt a burden to have more copies made of the Russian songbook, so they loaned us one of their's and we are in the process of having more made. It's so sweet to hear them sing the songs of Zion half way around the world. They seem to have plenty of Bibles there, and Bro Wayne gave us many tracts and books which they were very thankful for. We had many experiences there and can truly say God guided us with His eye.

There are many opportunities for a consecrated couple to go over there and work for God. Many people asked us if we could come or if we knew someone else who could come. May God stir our hearts to be up and doing our Father's business.