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Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

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The Glory of Christmas

*When first man's heart was overcast
By sin's benighting gloom;
When fear and anguish first had flashed
Its death-appalling doom;*

*When from God's presence man had fled,
To hide his guilt and shame,
That caused him first God's face to dread
And tremble at His name;*

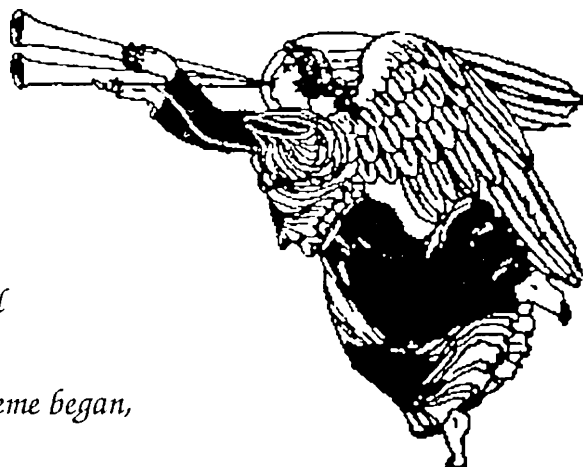
*'Twas then a wondrous scheme began,
The task of love divine,
To woo man to Himself again,
His lost estate to find.*

*"Did He succeed?" I hear some say.
"Was 'balm in Gilead' found
To heal our hurt, and ope the way?
Has One so great been found?"*

*He triumphs! Angels shout from heaven;
Yon virgin bears a Son!
By Him the power of sin is riven;
By Him the victory's won.*

*We worship at Thy feet, O Christ;
Thy name we do adore.
With Thee we'll keep a holy tryst,
And love Thee more and more!*

—V. P. Drake



The "Acid Test"

By James McMurrin

Many people claim to be Christians today, but are they? Just what is the "acid test" which reveals whether or not you are God's? The answer is simple enough—those who are God's have been touched by His Spirit and are living proof of the following verse: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2.

But what specific characteristics will be shown by this transformation? There are several listed in Galatians 5:22-23. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Note the first fruit, the one which was important enough to be listed before all others, is love. This one is so important, that Christ gave us the "Eleventh Commandment" for it: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

Christ not only commanded us to have that love, but said that it will be the proof of His Spirit working within our hearts. There is a simple reason for this. I John 4:16 says, "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

As we are transformed according to the Spirit of God, we become more like Him. The phrase "God is love" is one that many are familiar with, but it is sometimes abused. I heard a man state that, "All we need is love." When reminded of this phrase, he said, "My point exactly, so why do we need a God?" To which my reply was, "God is love, but love can't be God." If you said, "That house is brick," would the logical conclusion be that any pile of bricks would be a house? Of course not. You would understand that much more than simply bricks make up that house. It has a structure, and an organization that

makes it a house above and beyond any material within it. So it is with God. His Spirit is manifested as love to us, but that is merely the "material," or vehicle," by which we come to know Him.

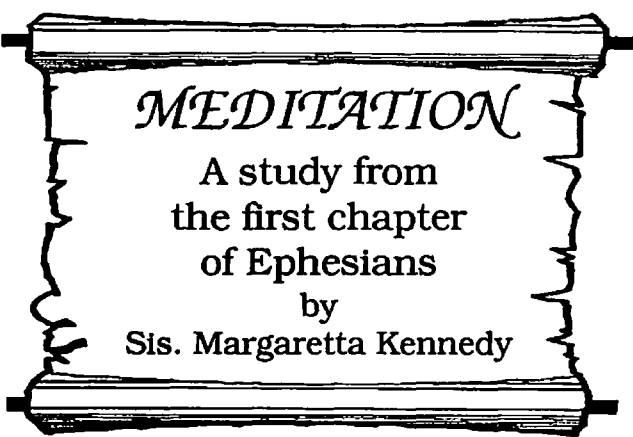
But what kind of love is this? Too often today, people say that love is merely a feeling, or emotion. Some have even stated that love is something that happens to you and which is beyond your control. But feelings fail, and human emotions and human nature are some of the most short-lived of things. It is passing, temporary, and—compared to God—very, very shallow.

So what is the kind of love which God's Spirit gives us? First, it goes far beyond mere emotion or feeling. As one man has said, "It is a commitment, not just a feeling." It is to pervade our soul until everything—emotion, intellect and will, become saturated with it. It should be the substance by which we convey ourselves to others, just as God does to us.

The second thing is that this love, being more than just emotion, is a commitment that goes beyond what others say or do. Romans 5:8 tells us, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." God loved us even when we weren't worth love, when His justice demanded our eternal damnation. So it should be with us today.

The Greek word for love is "agape." It is a love that seeks only the highest good of the recipient of that love. It is a commitment that does not have endings or qualifications. It does not seek to expend itself in self-aggrandizement by bestowing gifts, nor does it seek to blind with mere emotion. It is a commitment to see that one will be better off in all ways in which it is possible to affect.

God has that sort of love for us, and as we follow Him, that love is to enter our lives and is to be shown to those around us. Here, then, is the "acid test" of whether God's Spirit is working within our hearts. May this evidence be seen in all of us today.



MEDITATION

A study from
the first chapter
of Ephesians

by
Sis. Margaretta Kennedy

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Ephesians 1:3-4.

In this scripture Paul is thinking of Christians as God's chosen people, and the wonder that God should choose man. God chooses those whose hearts are seeking Him, and blesses them with heavenly blessings. God has chosen us that we should be holy and without blame. The word holy is the Greek word "hagios" which means different, separated. That which is hagios is different from ordinary things. God chooses the Christian to be different from other people. A true Christian must be willing to be different from the world, so different he can be identified as a Christian in the home, at school, at work, and in all of life's activities. One who is truly a Christian is different from the world because he has been made a new creature in Christ and no longer desires to participate in activities that do not glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word blameless is the Greek word "amómos," a sacrificial word. Under Jewish law an animal to be offered as a sacrifice must be without blemish. Only the perfect animal was fit as an offering to God. The word "amómos" means that the Christian life must be Christ-like so that it is an offering that is wholly acceptable to God. The one who seeks help from God with a humble heart and obedient life can be transformed into the likeness of Christ, who lived a perfect life here on this earth, leaving us an example. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." I Peter 2:21-22.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48.

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I Peter 1:15-16.

"O! to be like Thee, O! to be like Thee
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;
Come in Thy sweetness, Come in Thy full-
ness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart."



A New Song

By Sis. Fern Stubblefield

"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; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:9-10.

Many years before John heard this song being sung before the throne of God, David wrote these words, "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:..." Psalm 40:3. Why? Verse two gives the reason, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."

Early this morning some words of a song began "singing" in my mind. "Salvation echoes gladden, We hear them on this shore, All fresh with inspiration, We love to sing them o'er."

After singing this inspiring hymn through, I looked across to the song on the opposite page and sang, "More than a conqueror, Thro' the mighty God, More than a conqueror, By the cleansing blood; More than a conqueror, Walking in the light, More than a conqueror, Reigning day and night."

After singing this song many thoughts came to my mind. Why were these twenty-four elders able to sing this new song of victory? It was because Jesus had willingly offered Himself upon the cross, redeeming us to God by His own precious blood. Not only had His blood brought redemption, but also made us unto our God, kings and priests able to reign on the earth.

If Jesus had failed in shedding His blood, or completing the plan of salvation, John would never have seen this vision. The New Testament would not have been written. Our hymn books of precious songs that encourage and inspire us to
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Editorials

"Rejoice, ye sons of Adam's race,
 Rejoice aloud, and shout and sing;
 Thank God for His redeeming grace;
 For Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

—Ulysses Phillips

Once again the end of the year approaches and Christmas, the time recognized to celebrate Christ's day of birth, is at hand. For every child of God, the call to rejoice over the birth of Christ strikes a very special chord within the heart. A spirit of worship was begun by angels who celebrated in the heavens as the news was heralded from on high to the shepherds. This happening, as recorded in *The Archko Volume*, which is purported to be the true account told by the shepherds to Jonathan, son of Heziel, states:

"While attending to their sheep, the night being cold and chilly, some of them had made fires to warm themselves, and some of them had laid down and were asleep;... they were awakened by those who were keeping watch with the questions: 'What does all this mean? Behold, how light it is; ... when they were aroused it was light as day, but they knew it was not daylight, for it was only the third watch.

"All at once the air seemed to be filled with human voices, saying, 'Glory! Glory! Glory to the most high God!' and 'Happy are thou, Bethlehem, for God hath fulfilled His promise to the fathers; for in thy chambers is born the King that shall rule in righteousness.'

"Their shoutings would rise up in the heavens, and then would sink down in mellow strains, and roll along at the foot of the mountains, and die away in the most soft and musical manner they had ever heard; then it would begin again high up in the heavens, in the very vaults of the sky, and descend in sweet and melodious strains, so that they could not refrain from shouting and weeping at the same time.

"The light would seem to burst forth high up in the heavens, and then descend in softer rays and light up the hills and valleys, making everything more visible than the light of the sun, though it was not so brilliant, but clearer, like the brightest moon.

"I asked them how they felt—if they were not afraid; they said at first they were; but after awhile it seemed to calm their spirits, and so fill their hearts with love and tranquillity that they felt more like giving thanks than anything else."

Doesn't this make your heart quiver with a full mixture of love, gratitude, excitement and inspiration?

Let us commemorate Christmas in the same spirit with which it was begun by the angels, and allow nothing in life to restrict our flow of rejoicing.

The spirit of giving was the center focus of the first Christmas as it was celebrated on the hills outside of Bethlehem. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

The gift of Jesus was an expression of good will by God to the earth. (Luke 2:14.) And the spirit of Christians should not be foreign to giving. It is only natural that as we rejoice in the birth of Christ, our good will is expressed through the offering of gifts to others in an attitude of love.

Actual building of the new Print Shop has yet to begin. This is because we are still gathering information so that the erection can be done in the most cost effective way. We thank all of you who have responded with offerings to help us relocate, and as we get a little further into the project, we will let our readers and supporters know of the progress being made.

Income tax time is right around the corner. Those who have contributed to this work during 1995 and need a receipt for the purpose of deductions, may notify us to send one.

We offer heartfelt gratitude to those who, through their financial sacrifices, have made it possible for us to continue the printing work another year. Especially helpful are those who have offered support on a monthly basis. God is not unfaithful to reward the commitments that are made and kept before Him, and our prayer is that He will bless you richly.

—Wayne Murphey

A New Song

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press the battle on would never have been written. Where would you and I be today if it were not for the precious blood of Jesus? Thank God, Jesus was willing to pay the full price to fully redeem us back to God. We can sing the songs of Zion in triumph here on earth, then reign with Him in heaven throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Prayer Requests

FL—"I don't see as well as I need to see, and I desire prayer for a healing touch."

—Kathleen Williams

IN—"I still have a bad hip and leg. Please pray for me."

—Quincy Phipps

OK—Please pray for Sis. Aliene Dickson.

KS—Sis. Evelyn Pickerall has a severe cold and possibly pneumonia.

KS—Pray for Bro. Isaac and Sis. Lavina Martens who are experiencing health problems.

NC—"Pray that I will be closer to the Lord, and I have a very urgent request for my husband."

—Marie Weatherford

SC—Sis. Verlene Williams is somewhat improved from the stroke she had, but still needs the saints' prayers.

IN—"Please pray that my brother will get saved this year."

—Jim Wilson

AL—Sis. Jeanette Mooney needs help in her body.

TX—Pray for Bro. Paul and Sis. Merlene Scott's daughter, Morgan, who is having problems in school.

AR—Sis. Esther Null has a serious condition in her body and has written imploring the saints to pray for her.

VA—"Pray for me. I have diabetes. Pray for my family, friends and enemies, for healings of mental, body, spiritual and financial."

—William Rich

OK—Margaret Washington is having some heart rending problems with her family, and has written pleading for the saints to pray for them to be solved.

Canada—"Please pray for me. I had a stroke."

—George Schroeder

OK—Pray for a young girl in Guthrie who has a serious blood disorder. Her name is Heidi.

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Thank You!

Bro. Donald and Sis. Marilyn Eck want to convey to the saints their appreciation for all the prayers that have been said on their behalf, and for all the calls made and cards sent.

Several weeks ago the Lord touched Bro. Donald and did a miraculous work for him, but he is still in the furnace of affliction. Sis. Marilyn has expressed that "...Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Samuel 7:12, and they are confident He will continue to do so.

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"Forgiveness can't change the past, but does change the future."

—Selected

The Lamb's Gift

The little town of Bethlehem
 Was quiet, remote and still
 Until the sky was filled with song:
 "Peace on earth, good will."
 The world was wrecked by sin and shame,
 And lives were all forspent;
 Men waited for a gift from God,
 And Jesus Christ was sent.
 So may the love for which He came
 Reach to your house this year,
 And that will make your Christmas bright,
 As Jesus Christ draws near.

—Robert G. Mulder



Bible Questions Books

We would like to again mention our booklets, *Bible Questions for Juniors*, Booklets I, II, III, IV and V, covering Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts. Each book contains 40-50 pages of questions, puzzles and articles and sells for \$2.50 each. Also available are answer sheets for Matthew, Mark and Luke. They sell for 60¢ each.

These books are compiled to encourage our youth, or anyone, to become more acquainted with the Bible.

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If interested, please direct all correspondence to: Mike Woodruff, 916 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, OK 73044. Phone: (405) 282-3310.

Congratulations!



On November 9, 1995, Bro. Johnnie and Sis. Nellie West celebrated 69 years of married life together.



CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Annual Assembly Meeting at Pacoima, California will convene, Lord willing, on December 27th, 1995 and continue through December 31st, 1995.

There will be three services daily. We anticipate God's blessings upon every service, His rich anointing on every message, souls saved, sanctified and bodies healed.

For more information you may contact Bro. Edward V. Davenport (909) 887-4130, Bro. Calvin Hobbs (909) 875-2887 or the Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

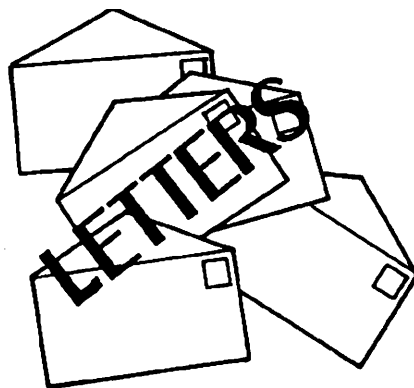
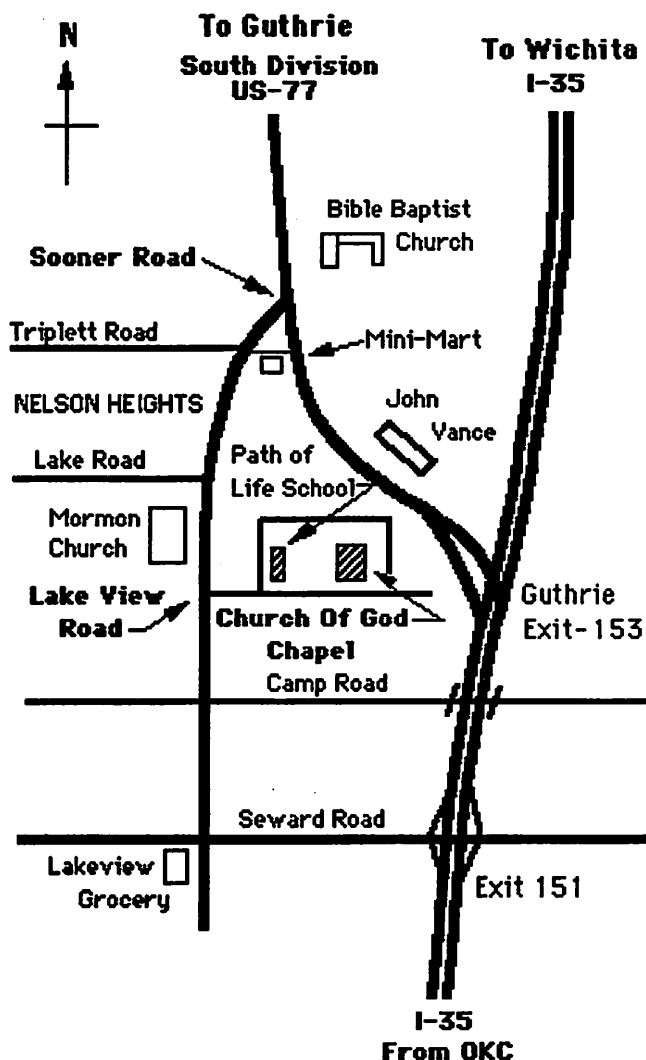
The 89th annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held at Guthrie, OK, from December 22 through December 31, 1995 at the new campground located south of Guthrie. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people in the central area of the U.S. The first service will be held Friday evening, December 22nd at 7:30 P.M. Daily worship services throughout the remainder of the meeting will start at 10:15 A.M., 2:00 P.M., and 7:30 P.M. There will also be a morning prayer service at 9:00 A.M. and a youth service at 6:00 P.M.

The new campground is located east off of Sooner Road on Lake View Road which is a little

over four tenths of a mile south of the intersection of South Division and Sooner Road (See Map). All who come will be cared for. The expenses of the meeting will be met as usual by freewill offerings. Come share in the blessings of the Lord and enjoy the new campground facilities He has so graciously provided.

We especially urge the saints in Oklahoma and the surrounding states to attend this meeting. Pastors and gospel workers, encourage your congregation to spend part of their Christmas holidays at this meeting. Come praying with a burden for the unsaved and for all those who need help in soul and body. Come help us close out the year with victory.

Please send all contributions for the coming State Assembly Meeting directly to the State Treasurer, Sister Brenda Wilkins, Rt. 6 Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044. For more information concerning the meeting, contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Elwell, 5308 Meadow Lake Drive, Guthrie, OK 73044, Phone: (405) 282-0743.



OK—Dear Saints: Greetings of love in the name of our Lord and Savior this evening. It is with thanksgiving to the Lord that I write today. His blessings have been many to me and I thank Him for every one of them.

As some of you know, I have not been well for quite some weeks. The first of October I became congested and developed a cough. I hurt some in my chest and hadn't slept well for a week. On Tuesday, October 3, Ted called for prayer that I could get some needed rest and sleep. The Lord heard prayer. When I would wake up I would thank the Lord for having slept, then go right back to sleep. I hardly coughed all night. Around 5:00 a.m., October 4, I awoke with a very bad headache. I woke up Ted to pray for me. Again, the Lord answered prayer. I awoke later with my headache worse. Our daughter, Beth, had come by from work. By this time, I had begun coughing and having shortness of breath, with much congestion and hurting around my heart and down my left arm. My condition worsened very rapidly. Prayer was called for and the children were also called. When Karen came into the room she said, "Mom, you are going to be all right." Her faith was a real blessing to me.

The loved ones and others here prayed earnestly for the Lord to help me. It looked like the Lord was going to take me on to be with Him. My dear sister was praying and telling the Lord of some of the things I had done for Him, but I felt so empty-handed. After much prayer the Lord blessed me and some conditions that had developed in my body were better, but I was very weak. Then, I felt life was leaving my body. I saw a path. I was going on, leaving my family at my bedside. It was a narrow path. I really believe I was going into the presence of God. I felt such peace and no fear. Then I heard sweet music. There was such entreating for me to come, and I was almost there. Our son, Dwight, asked, "Mother, what do you see?" I knew what he had

said, and I knew who said it, but oh, I didn't want to answer. I wanted to go on. Then it was as if the Lord spoke to me and said, "I am not through with you on earth." I felt very inadequate. I asked, "Lord, what can I do?" He said, "Be faithful to Me." There was some writing to one side of my bed which said, "Strength for the day." The Lord knew I would need a promise.

On Wednesday evening I felt better and sat in a recliner and talked some with my family, but by Thursday morning, I was very weak and continued to get weaker until Friday evening. On Friday morning the devil came in like a flood. In my weakened condition he painted dark pictures and fears, and put mountains and giants in my path. I was really having battles. Then I felt someone at my bedside. I opened my eyes and Ted was kneeling by my bed praying. When I saw him, I drew strength from him. I hadn't told him of my battles that morning. I remembered what I had seen written on Wednesday. The Lord began bringing Scriptures to my mind. He helped me to know, by His grace, I could be faithful. I felt like the Lord gave me victory over the mountains, giants, fears and dark pictures. He also gave strength to my body.

Later in the afternoon Colleen and Ted were sitting in my room and I made a statement about the day being wasted. (It was a beautiful fall day.) The Lord talked to my heart and said, "No, it hasn't been a wasted day. You have gained some rungs on the ladder to heaven."

Thank each one of you for your cards, calls and your prayers. The love and concern that was showed to me will long be remembered. A dear minister and his dear wife drove several miles to be at our side. May the Lord bless each of you for your support for me. With the prayers of the saints, help of my dear family, and God being my Pilot, I made it through. Pray for me that I will be faithful.

Your sister in Christ, —Alta Bock

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: I want to thank the Church for all their prayers when my mother passed away. I have lost a lot in the past few years, but I haven't lost my trust in Jesus. I lost Daddy in 1977 and now Mother....

Pray for my alcohol problem, my family and problems in life. Pray for my wife, Debbie, so we can always try to do the best thing in life.

Thanks, —Larry D. Eck

OK—Dear Bro. Murphey, saints and friends scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We love the Lord with all our hearts and desire to ever follow Him.

I receive such blessings and encouragement from the *Faith and Victory*. I also consider all of the many burdens and prayer requests of different ones. You are remembered in my prayers.

The Lord has been good to me and my family. I cannot tell you that I don't still miss my daughter, Phyllis, for I am so lonely for her. Yet I am happy that she had a testimony that she was happy and that God would take care of her. One of the many little mementos she gave me during her last days was a simple little magnet to place on the refrigerator. In fact, I believe she placed it there for me. It says, "God Is Only A Prayer Away." I have found it to be so.

Many times when there were dear ones in bereavement, I have quoted Psalm 121:1, 2. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord,..." I am now having to lean on that scripture, realizing that as I receive consolation from God's Word, I will be better able to console others.

So I desire your prayers that I will grow deeper in God as I bear my burden. Thanks to each of you who prayed for our family.

I am again working with the children at school on certain days. This is a blessing to me as well as helping the children. Pray that in some small way I may help a child to always go straight.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Frances Chandler

OH—Dear Bro. Murphey and all at the Print Shop: I am writing to thank God for what He has done in the situation the saints have been praying for; about the man that had to go to court on November 6th and 8th. It has been settled, thank the Lord. And thank everyone that has remembered this in their prayers.

This has brought to reality the sad and heartbreaking situation of what can happen. I think it has taught a whole family a lesson. Please still pray for them, that it will all work out for the good of everyone.

Thank you all for the many prayers you have prayed for us in a lot of situations we have requested prayer for. I thank God for His mercy.

Christian love, —Tressie Adkins

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne, Sis. Mary and all the dear workers at the Print Shop: Greetings of love in the name of Jesus. I praise the dear Lord for all you dear ones. May God bless each of you richly as you work for the Lord, helping lost souls that need the Bread of life.

I thank everyone for your prayers. They mean so much to me. I thank God for all the healing touches He has blessed me with. I could never praise Him enough....

I wish all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving in the Lord.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Olive Getterson
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OH—Dear Bro. Wayne and fellow workers: Greetings in Jesus' precious and holy name. I love Him so much.

I want to thank my God for His mercy to my family on October 20th. My wife was taking our youngest son, Scott, to the county career center, a vocational high school. As she was driving down our country road, a semi-trailer truck was coming towards them taking much of her side of the road. In order to avoid him, my wife went off the road and lost control of the car. The car went into a ditch and rolled two to three times into a plowed field, before coming to rest on its top. They were both wearing their seatbelts, which held them in their seats. Both of their side windows were completely blown out, and the top and windshield was caved in. The car was completely destroyed, but praise God, my wife and son were able to get out on their own and walk away from the scene. Neither of them were seriously hurt from the crash. My son had a bump on the head and two little cuts on a finger. My wife was not hurt at all.

I do praise God for His wonderful love and mercy to them! Surely His name is greatly to be praised! I thank Him for His protection and safety every day.

I thank God most of all for the wonderful plan of salvation, and that He included me in that plan. I want to live to please Him and have His approval upon everything I do for Him. I know God will see us through to our heavenly home if we will just be faithful to serve Him.

May God bless the work at the Publishing House and reward everyone richly.

Your servant in Christ, —Larry Abbott
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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and beloved saints: I praise God for His matchless goodness and for His love through the saints. God saw my need

and He has surely supplied it, exceedingly abundantly above all I could ask or think. A few months back I was in need of reliable transportation, and an appeal was made through the *Faith and Victory* for donations toward a mini-van. Funds very quickly came in and God blessed us to be able to purchase a 1986 Dodge Caravan mini-van, very well taken care of by one owner, with only 44,800 miles on it! In addition to buying the van in full, enough was donated to include title transfer, tag and insurance.

I am so thankful to God and the saints for their generosity and love. I feel more indebted to the Lord and to His work and people. By God's grace I will serve Him and His people with more dedication and faithfulness. "Jesus Has Been So Good To Me" is one of my favorite songs. I rejoice and thank each one for your liberality. May God bless each one abundantly.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Bonnie Riley
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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to you, your family and all the workers laboring there so faithfully to put out the gospel. I am so thankful to know He is no respecter of persons, but said, "...Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17.

I do want to ever keep heaven in view. A song I heard recently had these few words that blessed me so much. "Whatever this old world has to offer, don't ever lose sight of your goal." Our goal is heaven, and we will surely make it there if we keep our hand in our heavenly Father's and let Him guide us.

I pray often for you there with the great responsibility in putting out the truth through the little paper to a lost world. Many isolated ones I am sure, look forward to it in a special way as they are not privileged to hear the Word over the pulpit. But we also look forward to it and are blessed much by the contents it contains....

In Christian love and appreciation,

—Sis. Alta Flynn
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CA—Bro. Wayne: It has been over a year since I was baptized, and I thank the Lord for salvation. I am so happy to be called a child of God. I am still just a child in Christ, but I am growing every day. One way to grow is to study His Word, isn't it? As Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

I love Jesus, and love to read His Word and learn more about Him every day. Pray for me that I will keep all His commandments.

Your Brother in Christ, —James McMakin

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CA—Dear Brother Wayne and all the saints at the Publishing House: I send my love to you. With my dear Lord's help I am getting well from my stroke. I am writing this with the hand that was paralyzed.

I need your prayers that I will be faithful. I will be 92 years old October 31.

Love to you all, —Sister Lucille Allen

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OH—Brother and Sister Murphey: I'm sorry I haven't written until now. Last Thursday something wonderful happened. That morning I was standing by the couch and God reached down and healed my physical ailment. It was a soft touch. I was so surprised. Then I just started to praise the Lord and thank Him. I had to call my daughter, June, and tell her I am doing fine now, and that I have no more heart problems.

Thanks to all who have been praying for me.

—Sister Mary Vice

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CO—Dear Brother Murphey and readers of *Faith and Victory*: The scripture says, "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. May I ask for your prayers for our five children, whom we are not able to be with as they grow up, due to circumstances beyond our control. We love them so, and pray the Lord to speak to each of them and give them a burning desire to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Gospel seeds have been sown to as many as we are able. Please pray for their souls to be preserved in this wicked generation and visitation rights will be given to us....

May God guide us all into His wisdom.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Koenig

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

Honduras Report...

November 17, 1995—Dear Brethren: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. On Wednesday, November 2, a company of saints consisting of Sis. Judy Trepanier, Sis. Dorothy Scott, Bro. Louis Kimble and Bro. Keith Fuller left for Poltite, Roatan, Honduras for the purpose of edifying the brethren there. As our time to be there was limited, we immediately began to

address some of the needs existing there. After spending time instructing some of the brethren, we held services for two successive nights. Also, while we were there, two deaths occurred in the community and we were able to visit and be of some comfort to the families. One unfortunate death was that of a twelve year old girl who was accidentally shot by her sister. The parents are in great grief and need special prayer. The father gave his heart to the Lord as a result of this tragedy.

On Sunday, November 5th, we returned back to the states feeling that our visit had been a successful one, spiritually. Our assessment is that the passing of Sis. Liurie Sanders left a great void in the work. Most of the leadership there is young in the Lord. They need instruction and guidance. Our desire is to set up a plan of action where some of us can go to Honduras and stay with the congregation for a period of time. The brethren with the burden would alternate in shifts in order to assure that there would not be long gaps between our visits. Please pray that the Lord will bless this effort and the work there. Also, please continue to support the work through financial contributions. The work is a viable work and we must work while it is day, for night comes when no man can work.

Yours in the service of the Master,

—Bro. Keith Fuller

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From Nigeria...

September 12, 1995—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in holy Christian love.

We have sorrowfully read about the flood disaster that you were subjected to, and with our eyes shedding tears we send our heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Please accept our condolences. We do pray for you always, and by God's grace our efforts shall henceforth be intensified. We are really thankful that a brother with a sense of commitment has conceded to sell a piece of land for the location of a new Print Shop building, and that a fund is already set aside with which to get the project started. Thank God immensely for that provision.

By God's grace we were able to hold our fasting and all day monthly prayer meetings, on the 1st of this month. It was meant for the overall progress of all aspects of the global gospel ministry. On the following Sunday, September 3, an aged man who was healed physically early this year, through our prayers, and has been fellowshiping with us, was gladly

baptized. His name is Bro. Friday and he is an indigent of Tombia.

We are in much need of gospel tracts and literature to help us reach and save more lost souls for Christ. Please continue praying for peace to be fully restored in our local community and in the Nigeria society at large.

Lord willing, our 3rd quarterly revival program will be held this month. We trust much spiritual and physical blessings will be received during the meetings.

To the glory of the Lord, my matrimonial home turned two decades old on August 10, 1995. Six of us constitute this home, four children and we, their parents.

The Church here sends her regards to all the brothers and sisters there.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

From India...

October 16, 1995—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to you all dear ones again, in the gracious and loving name of Jesus.

All our congregations here are going on smoothly. I visited our congregation at Cochin last week. They now assemble in the newly purchased building. Several business people at Cochin contributed to the fund to buy that building. When one door is closed, our God is able to open another seven doors for His children.

Conventions will be started from next month onwards. Lord willing our 31st General convention will be held at Karrikkom on January 10th, 1996, and last for five days. All are cordially invited to attend.

I pray God's blessings for the new Print Shop building project. May God open some unknown ways for its needs.

Let us see each other everyday through the eyes of prayer.

Yours in His service, —John Varghese



Goldfire

By Sis. Joan DePhillips

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich;..." Revelation 3:18.

Several years ago I questioned, "What is the gold, and what is the fire?" As I pondered on this, different gold values came to my mind:

faith, courage, power, steadfastness, patience, kindness, love, joy, peace, gentleness, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, humility, temperance and forgiveness. Then I searched for scriptures to prove and back them.

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,... 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. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.... give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." II Peter 1:3-10.

"...He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver:..." Malachi 3:3.

"...I will...refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried:..." Zechariah 13:9.

Gold values and the fire that refines them:

1. Faith—Tried in the fire of sickness, afflictions and doubt.

"...O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" Matthew 14:31.

"...If ye have faith, and doubt not,...it shall be done." Matthew 21:21.

"...Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole...." Matthew 9:22.

"I have fought a good fight,...I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7.

2. Courage—Tried in the fire of fears and discouragement.

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Psalm 56:3.

"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am,... Saying, Fear not, Paul;... Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:23-25.

3. Power—Tried in the fire of weakness and spiritual battles.

"...I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling,...my preaching was...of the Spirit and of power." I Corinthians 2:3-4.

"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power,..." Colossians 1:11.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love,..." II Timothy 1:7.

We may think others are hindering us by their actions toward us, but we are permitting our experience with God to be affected through our own weakness.

4. Steadfastness—Tried in the fire of opposition and temptation.

"...Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." II Peter 3:17.

"...Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,..." I Corinthians 15:58.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;..." Hebrews 2:3.

"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Hebrews 3:14.

"...The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith,..." I Peter 5:8-9.

"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." Romans 12:14.

5. Patience—Tried in the fire of restraint, by the Holy Spirit or mortal man.

"...Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience;..." Romans 5:3-4.

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;..." Romans 12:12.

"...The trying of your faith worketh patience. ...Let patience have her perfect work,..." James 1:3-4.

"In your patience possess ye your souls." Luke 21:19.

"But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Romans 8:25.

"...That we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Romans 15:4.

"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren,...for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:...that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God,..." II Thessalonians 1:3-5.

"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:12.

"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,..." Revelation 1:9.

6. Kindness—Tried in the fire of ridicule and scorn.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger,

and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31-32.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." Romans 12:10.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind;..." I Corinthians 13:4.

"...Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness,..." Nehemiah 9:17.

7. Love—Tried in the fire of provocation.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:... For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?" Matthew 5:43-46.

"...Forbearing one another in love." Ephesians 4:2.

8. Joy—Tried in the fire of grief, sorrow and disappointment.

"...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalm 16:11.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5.

"...Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." James 1:2.

9. Peace—Tried in the fire of turmoil and unrest. Jesus's mission was for peace among His people and in our soul.

"...Have peace one with another." Mark 9:50.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

"For the kingdom of God is...righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14:17.

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,..." Romans 14:19.

"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:18.

10. Gentleness, Meekness—Tried in the fire of harshness, arrogance, haughtiness and presumptuousness.

"...Be...gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." Titus 3:2.

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men,..." II Timothy 2:24.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance:..." Galatians 5:22-23.

"Put on therefore,...bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering." Colossians 3:12.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5.

"The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord,..." Isaiah 29:19.

"...Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." Ephesians 4:1-2.

"But thou, O man of God, flee these (evil) things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,..." I Timothy 6:11-12.

"...Be ready to every good work,...speak evil of no man,...be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." Titus 3:1-2.

"For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." James 1:20.

"...Receive with meekness the engrafted word,..." (That Word from above, coming down from the Father.) James 1:21.

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:16-17.

11. Longsuffering—Tried in the fire of injustice, extended affliction or suffering.

"We then, as workers together with him,... Giving no offence in any thing,...But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,...By pureness,...by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned." II Corinthians 6:1, 3-4, 6.

"Put on therefore,...bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,..." Colossians 3:12-13.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:..." I Peter 3:12.

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye:..." I Peter 3:14.

12. Goodness—Tried in the fire of an unkind world.

"...Let thy saints rejoice in goodness." II Chronicles 6:41.

"...The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans 2:4.

"...I (Paul)...am persuaded...that ye also are full of goodness,..." Romans 15:14.

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink:... Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:20-21.

13. Humility—Tried in the fire of self-will and self-righteousness. If we aren't humble, self-will and self-righteousness will blind us to God's will. We must not go beyond the will of God. We can't rule others.

"...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God...." James 4:6-7.

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4:10.

"...Be clothed with humility:... Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." I Peter 5:5-6.

"Serving the Lord with all humility of mind,..." Acts 20:19. (Complete submission.)

14. Temperance—Tried by desire to indulge. We should be moderate; not extreme or excessive; calm; self-controlled.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:22-26.

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corrup-

tion that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:3-4.

"...Go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them,... Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you,... I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage:..." Joshua 1:2-6.

The Lord left some of the enemy, after Joshua died, to prove Israel, whether they would keep the way of the Lord. We must have a prayerful resolve in our heart to have these riches, and recognize our need and the value of them. No wonder they are called gold, jewels, treasures, etc. They shine in a cold, heartless, evil, unconcerned world. We need the divine power and divine nature of the Lord. (Judges 2:21-23.)

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord,..." Proverbs 20:27.

"...Her light was like unto a stone most precious,..." Revelation 21:11.

Fiery Darts (page 174 in *Evening Light Songs* songbook)—"In the heated furnace, Father, let me stay, Precious gold refining, purge the dross away, Till thy glorious image is reflected there, Till the costly jewels of thy grace I wear."

The Clefted Rock—(page 279 in *Evening Light Songs* songbook)—"Then, dear Jesus, keep me hid, That I e'er be found amid Choicest jewels of thy care, When in glory I appear."

It's possible to lose our Gold Values in the very fire that produces them.



Godly Women

By Naomi Jennings

I feel burdened to write about godly women. God wants us to be godly, sober and righteous in all good works. God also tells us in His Word to teach the younger women by precept and example.

The mother is the one who teaches the children through the day to pray. She reads to them Bible stories and shows them how to reverence the Lord. She teaches them to clean their room, wash the dishes, and when they go out to play, she encourages them to play fair.

God is calling for godly women to teach young ladies how to be respectful, not loud in order to be noticed, but to be prayerful and quiet. We must be filled with the Spirit of God; discreet, loving, gentle and kind. Godly women must be careful to let Christ be portrayed on the job, in the home and in the Church.

A Mother's Prayer Answered

Like most boys who become great men, Hudson Taylor, the missionary to China had a good mother. She had prayed for him and asked God to make him a minister of the gospel. But when he was 15, he went to work in a bank, and grew careless about his habits and failed to pray. This brought grief to his mother and to his sister, Amelia. Amelia made up her mind that she, too, would pray for her brother.

One day his mother went away on a visit to a friend some 70 miles distant. Having nothing special to do one afternoon, she went to her room, locked the door and prayed for her boy who continued to drift away from God.

Hudson Taylor was at home and being alone, went to his father's library and began to search for something to read. He found a little tract entitled, "It is Finished." Becoming fascinated he read some of it. Hudson did not know that on that very afternoon his mother was praying for him. She prayed on for hours and then something told her that she had prayed enough and she began to sing. She was sure God had answered her prayers.

Hardly aware how it came about, Hudson found himself upon his knees, "Oh God, I thank Thee for Your great love, for Your plan which has included me. Forgive me, Lord, for my sins, for my blasphemy, for my unbelief."

Two weeks later Mrs. Taylor returned. She could hardly wait to see how her prayer was answered and Hudson could hardly wait to tell her. He had told Amelia, but had pledged her to keep it secret that he himself might tell it to his mother. He was the first to meet her at the door, but before he could say a word, her loving arms were around his neck, and as she kissed him she said, "I know, my dear boy; I have been rejoicing in the glad news you have to tell."

He was disappointed and said in surprise, "Why has Amelia broken her promise that she would tell no one?" Then his mother told him that she had not heard from Amelia or anyone else, but that God had whispered it to her heart when she had prayed for him one afternoon two weeks ago.

From that day, Hudson Taylor began to prepare himself to be a messenger of the gospel. Today, hundreds of missionaries and thousands of Chinese hearts, have been reached because of his ministry and the work he began in China.

Changed on Christmas Eve

A young English woman married a man in government service. Her husband was a light-hearted young man who smoked, drank, and gambled. As the years went on, he was promoted in service and had large responsibilities, but he became a hardened gambler and drinker.

As her husband went deeper into sin, she, through anxiety on his account, became deeply anxious about her soul, and as a lost, guilty sinner cast herself and all her burdens on the Saviour and became

a new creature in Christ, with one burdened desire—to bring her husband to Christ. For 13 years she prayed with never-failing faith that the Lord would convert him. Every Sunday she would ask him to accompany her to services, and he as often refused. He would sometimes say that if she would go with him to some worldly place that he would go to church with her 40 times. Her invariable reply was, "As much as I long to have you with me, I could not bring reproach on my Saviour by going where He could not be."

On the Sunday before Christmas she repeated her invitation, when he laughingly said, "You have not converted me yet, old woman." She immediately threw her arms around his neck, and said, "No, and I never can; but the Lord Jesus Christ can convert you, George." From that time he became very uneasy, but more determined to resist his wife's entreaties.

On Christmas Eve he went with some of his companions to a dinner. After the dinner, he went home to take his usual Christmas gifts to his wife and children. When he was distributing them he found that for the first time since he was married he had forgotten a

gift for his wife. He was utterly at a loss to account for this and said to her, "I've never forgotten you before; now you may ask what you like, and I will give it to you." She quietly and earnestly said, "Come with me to the meeting tonight—that will be my gift."

"Oh, no," he said, "I cannot do that; ask for some gift." But she reminded him of his promise. When the time came for his wife to go to the meeting, she waited for him.

The children asked, "Do you think father will go with us?"

"Yes," she said, "your father never broke a promise to me." He had returned, and over-hearing this remark, it made him feel very uneasy. When they started he went with them, to the great joy of his wife. At the church door he turned and left them, intending to go back to his companions, but something compelled

him to return to his home.

There were pictures hanging on the walls, and his eyes fell on a representation of Christ on the cross. It attracted him, and smote him to the heart. The words which his devoted wife had so often read in his hearing came afresh to his memory: "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him;... But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:3, 5). The past, with a wasted life, and the future, with an awful eternity, rolled in like billows over his soul. Here in this One who was despised, rejected, wounded and bruised, appeared the only hope of true peace now, and true joy hereafter.



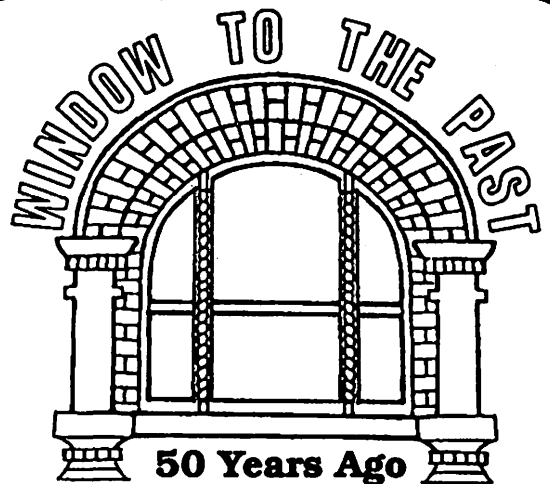
He looked and looked, until it seemed to him as if it were Christ Himself hanging on the cross, and He said to him, "I died for you."

"For me, Lord?" the wondering man replied, and then and there, in agony of soul, he called on the Saviour to save him and to put away from him forever the taste for liquor and the desire for all sin. Like "the chief of sinners" he "fell to the earth" (Acts 9:4), and upon his knees, in his own house, with no one near but God, he acknowledged his "manifold transgressions and mighty sins" (Amos 5:12), and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He believed on Him, "who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom 4:25), and rose from his knees a free man, with Christ as his Saviour and his mighty Deliverer.

That very night he wrote checks paying off all his gambling debts and ceased playing cards. He never tasted liquor again. His deliverance was complete. The gospel demonstrated itself in his life.

On that memorable Christmas Eve, the occasion of his new birth, he went to his old companions and told them what the Lord Jesus had done for him. They thought he was joking, and laughed at him. They tempted him to their utmost to drink with them, and when he was firm, they emptied their glasses over him and he walked out wet with the liquor. Then they followed him home with offensive songs and jeers.

Surely if God can save a drinking, swearing, smoking, gambling sinner of the deepest dye, and make him a "new creature" in Christ, He can save anyone, even you. Burdened, weary, sin-sick soul, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29.) Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and obtain eternal life. God is able to save the worst sinner, and He is both able and willing to save you. —Selected



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"Sometimes when I used to travel on my motorcycle I would ride away up on top of the mountain where the sky was so bright and clear. I could look down on the clouds and could see the shadow of the clouds in the valley away below. Many times in my early Christian life I wandered around in the valley where the clouds cast their shadow; but I have been climbing and climbing until I have reached the top of the mountain where I can look down on the clouds. The clouds are so pretty and bright when we look down on the top side of them where the sun is shining on them.

"Dear saints, let us keep on climbing, climbing, climbing and keep looking up. Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." —Bro. George Stephenson

"...After the camp meeting in Pasadena, Calif., we went to a new field in Fontana, Calif. where the brethren: O. B. Wilson, I. D. Stover, F. Doolittle, and I, and Sisters Emma Cage and Nellie Poulos labored among strangers. God blessed our labors. These brothers and sisters, including Bro. Isaac Chandler of Bakersfield, were continually supporting the meeting. Truly the Spirit worked. Every night crowds of saints came from Ontario, Pomona, Glendale, San Bernardino and Bakersfield. We need the prayers of people everywhere, from every community, that the Lord will continue to bless in this new field."

—L. E. Davy