

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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"This is the VICTORY that overcometh
the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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THE GATE OF BLESSING

*Even in the darkness I will not despair,
Sorrow is an angel sent to teach me prayer;
When the heart is heavy, when the eyes are dim,
When the life is lonely, then we look to Him.*

*At the gate of blessing Jesus stands today,
Waiting there to bless us—don't forget to pray;
He has balm for sorrow, grace for every call,
At the gate of blessing there are gifts for all.*

*Tho' I'm heavy laden I will not despair,
Trials are a blessing, if they lead to prayer;
When with many burdens I am sore oppressed,
Then I go to Jesus for the promised rest.*

*O the gate of blessing! 'tis the place of pray'r,
Jesus is the Keeper, freely enter there;
Are you poor and needy? Seek the Lord today,
For the gate of blessing opens when we pray.*

—SEL. BY MATHILDA PAULSEN.

JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM OF LOVE AND POWER

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn" (Isa. 61:1-2). This truth was uttered or prophesied by Isaiah, the prophet of God, many hundred years before Jesus was born. After Jesus was in the wilderness forty days without food and was tempted or tried by Satan and came off a conqueror, it is written in the fourth chapter of Luke that He came in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and He came to Nazareth where He was brought up, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, was handed the book of Esaias the prophet; He opened the book and read the Scriptures quoted above. After He had finished the eyes of all that were in the synagogue were fastened upon Him, and He said, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears," thus acknowledging

Himself to be the one spoken of by the prophet.

In reading on in the fourth chapter of Luke we find that all the people wondered and bore witness of the gracious words proceeding out of His mouth, and as He took note of their unbelief He said, "No prophet is accepted in his own country," and went on to show them, and brought to their minds some truths concerning the Lord healing (through Elias the prophet) Naaman, the Syrian, who was a leper; also of Elias being sent to the widow in Sidon, proving to them that it was because of their unbelief that they failed to get deliverance from their afflictions and troubles of various kinds. When they heard these things they were filled with wrath and sought to kill Him and get Him out of the way. But God the Father had a way of escape for Him now as He had when Jesus was a babe in Bethlehem when king Herod sought His life. God always has a way of our escape that we may be able to bear it, as we do His will, speak His words and trust all with Him.

As Jesus came to Capernaum and taught the people there, they were astonished at His doctrine, for His word was with power, and one being in the crowd that was possessed with an evil spirit began to cry out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy one of God" (Luke 4: 34). Jesus rebuked him and said, "Hold thy peace and come out of him." The evil spirit immediately obeyed the word of Jesus, threw the man down before them, came out and hurt not the man.

There are two thoughts in the above quoted Scripture that we wish to call your attention to: The first is the question asked Jesus by the evil spirit, "Art thou come to destroy us?" Truly Jesus had come to destroy him and the devil knew it. It is written in the third chapter of 1 John, eighth verse, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." Jesus in this case began to show His destroying power over the devil and cast him out of the man, proving Himself to be the stronger man, yes, the very Son of God who is clothed with power and authority over all

the power of Satan. Satan has much power today, has many, many souls bound in sin and darkness; many are captured and are in spiritual prison houses; many are broken-hearted and grieved by the oppressing hand of Satan; others are blind spiritually, crushed, bruised, being in the kingdom of darkness, failing, because of unbelief in Jesus and His *all power*, to be translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col 1:13).

Truly, dear souls, you, whosoever you may be that are bruised, afflicted and tossed by the power of Satan, can be made every whit whole by believing in Christ, the Son of God; you can have Jesus as your Counsellor, Governor and Strength, and reign with Him in His kingdom in this life, having victory over the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh now in the children if disobedience.

The second thought is how that Jesus spoke directly to the spirit that possessed the man saying, "Hold thy peace and come out of him." So we see it was the Holy Spirit that possessed Jesus, speaking to the unclean spirit that possessed the man, and the evil spirit had to obey the voice of God speaking through Jesus, and come out of the man. So it is now; if those that are afflicted, crushed and bound in darkness will look unto Jesus with an eye of faith, believing, He will speak to the enemy of your soul and he will have to loosen his holts and depart, leaving you in the sunshine from the presence of God, and you will be amazed and wonder at the fountains of living waters you have found, which bring you joy, happiness and contentment evermore, and gives you power to resist the devil and live to please God in this present evil world.

The people who saw this man delivered were greatly surprised and exclaimed, "With authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits and they come out." In first John 4 :4, we find these words, "Because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world," conveying knowledge to us who are saved that we have greater power than the power of the enemy in this world.

Now when the sun was setting they brought to Him many sick people with different diseases and He laid hands on them and healed them every one; also devils came out of many crying out and saying, "Thou art Christ, the Son of God." The people did not want Him to depart, but He said, "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities, for therefore am I sent." We find that Jesus had power to cast out devils and to heal all manner of disease, and in the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews and eighth verse we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today,

and forever." So we who believe in Christ have the same power that He had, for Jesus said, Himself, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

The early apostles had this power and it is for the ministers of God today, for Christ has not changed. Let us not be confused by the signs, wonders and miracles that Satan is performing today, but let us know that "greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world," and that we serve the Almighty God who has power over all the power of the enemy. Satan is hiding under a cloak of religion today doing wonders and bringing false doctrines, mixing and confusing the children of God, and many precious souls are bewildered not knowing which way to turn. Do not be troubled at what the enemy is doing, neither fear him, but fear God and He will take care of the devil. Get your eyes on the Almighty God that has power over all the gods of this world; listen to His voice and things will begin to clear up in your mind, and power will be given you to reign with Christ who has all power both in heaven and on earth.

Brethren our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits in high places, against the strong holds of Satan, the powers of darkness, often in the form of angels of light. Be strong and of good courage for God will fight our battles.

Yours under the blood.

—FRED PRUITT.

THE GIFT OF GOD

*I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.
I gave, I gave my life for thee;
What hast thou given for me?*

Oh! the sacrifice that has been made for my, for your redemption from the awful bondage and death of sin. Jesus, the dear Son of God, freely gave His own precious blood to save and cleanse us from our sins. Oh, the power in the Blood! "What could wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus." The prophet looking down through the annals of time, declared that there would be "a fountain opened in the house of David, for sin and uncleanness" (Zech. 13: 1). How we should rejoice that it is our blessed privilege of coming to this Fountain and having its healing and cleansing power applied to our hearts, purging our consciences from dead works to serve the living God: and we truly be quickened and made alive unto God. "And you hath He quickened who

were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2: 1). Yes, Jesus has given His life, His all,—His Blood was shed for you, for me. "Oh, precious is the flow, that makes us white as snow."

What have we given to Him? Oh, that our lives may be fully, entirely, unreservedly given to Him, to be kept and used all to His glory.

*My Father's house of light,
My glory-circled throne,
I left for earthly night,
For wand'rings sad and lone.
I left, I left it all for thee;
Has thou left aught for me?*

Jesus left Heaven with all its joys and happiness, came down to this world of sin and sorrow, took upon Himself the form of a servant, and here He was willing to bear and endure, even humbling Himself in obedience unto death, "even the death of the cross." "He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53: 3). "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John 1: 11). Oh, how much He left and how much He so gladly endured for you, and for me, that we might have *all*, even to be "heirs of salvation."

What have we left for Jesus? What have we forsaken? What are we forsaking? We sing, but can we truly say, "I have left all the world to follow Jesus, Never backward to its follies will I turn." "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14: 33).

*I suffered much for thee,
More than thy tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue thee from hell.
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee,
What hast thou borne for me?*

Yes, Jesus bore it all, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2: 24). We behold Him in the garden, there in deepest agony He prayed, "and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22: 44). "It was alone the Savior prayed in dark Gethsemane; Alone He drained the bitter cup, and suffered there for me." He felt the weight of my sins, your sins, the sins of all, but He *yielded* to His Father's will and went on, even up to Calvary, there to be nailed to the cross, that by the shedding of His precious blood we might be saved. Oh, what sacrifice! He who knew no sin, to be made sin for us. Yes, truly He suffered much for thee. "He has borne our sorrows and carried our griefs." And when at last those precious words came from His lips, "It is finished," the plan of salvation was perfected. "For

'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me."

*And I have brought to thee,
Down from my home above,
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love.
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou broughe to me?*

Truly salvation has been bought, and brought to us. "Jesus paid it all, All to Him we owe." What are we doing to show our appreciation of so great love toward us, for "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5: 8). Oh, may the love of Christ constrain us. Let us give Him more of our very selves, yea, may the cry of our very souls be, "None of self and all of Thee." Let us forsake daily, let nothing be in our lives that will hinder or oppose us from doing and being "all for Jesus." Let us be willing to bear and endure all for Jesus' sake. "Endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross." "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved" (Mate. 24: 13). May we truly and faithfully bring Him willing service. "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chron. 29: 5). The Lord is calling for those who will "be all" for Him. Oh, may our hearts, each one, be stirred and filled with such love and willingness that we will be so settled and grounded that we can, and will not be moved, but press on, walking ever in the way of Truth and Life; proving our love and odeience to Jesus, for "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments."

—RUTH LAMB.

*"When * * * the feet of the priests were dipped
in the brink of the water * * * the waters * * * stood,
and rose up in one heap, a great way off * * * and the
people passed over" (Jos. 3: 15, 16).*

God does not open paths for us in advance of our coming. He does not promise help before help is needed. He does not remove obstacles out of our way before we reach them. Yet when we are on the edge of our need, God's hand is stretched out.

Many people forget this, and are forever worrying about difficulties which they foresee in the future. They expect that God is going to make the way plain and open before them, miles and miles ahead; whereas He has promised to do it only step by step as they move on. There is a promise which reads: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." You must get to the waters and into their floods before you can claim the promise. Many people dread death, and lament that they have not "dying grace." Of course they will not have dying grace when they are in good health, in the midst of life's duties, with death far in advance. Why should they have it then? Grace for duty is what they need then, living grace; then dying grace when they come to die. —SEL.

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The Lord is leading us and anointing us to print and send out this paper (Faith and Victory) filled with clear, plain and definite gospel truth,— truth that will make a clear line between Satan's kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 1: 13).

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"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth" (Isa. 62: 1).

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"Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58: 1).

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Satan has an intense hatred for those who stand firm and square against him and his kingdom of darkness. He makes war with those who throw light on his many false religions, but we exhort you, brethren, to stand steadfast with God and not let Satan rob you of your liberty. Keep alive by keeping under the blood, for the blood is life.

We are going over our mailing list and will remove the names of those who have not written us during the last year, as we are not able, neither do care to send the paper to those who do not read and profit by it. So if you want the paper to continue coming to you just write us and let us know and we shall be glad to continue sending it. We shall remove no name from our list if we have any way of knowing that you want the paper. Please let us know.

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We are burdened to get this clear gospel of salvation from soul and body troubles to all hungry and thirsty people wherever and whomsoever they may be. For this reason we are inclosing a subscription blank with each copy of this issue of Faith and Victory and ask that each one of our readers share with us in this burden. Go on your knees before the Almighty God, ask Him to direct and give you the names of those who would likely desire the paper to visit them regularly after reading a few sample copies. If there are others you know would be blessed and encouraged by receiving the paper regularly, just mark that name with an X and we will put them on

our regular mailing list. Please write the names plainly, giving street, box and R. F. D. numbers.

We shall be glad to send extra copies of this issue to all who write us for them.

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It is remarkable how cunning the enemy is in getting men and women so busy that they have no time to attend meeting and very little time for prayer and waiting before God. Many souls will regret throughout eternity because they let the enemy thus deceive them.

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Paul said, "No man that wareth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who has chosen him to be a soldier."

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Do not let Satan hang so many temporal responsibilities on you that you will not be ready for God to use you at His pleasure.

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A lamp (profession) without oil (love of God) in your vessel will be of no avail when the Bridegroom comes.

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Satan is getting many precious souls to believe there is no hell, no lake of fire where the wicked and ungodly men who rebel against the governing power of Jesus, and say by actions and deeds, "We will not let this man rule over us," will be punished for their unrighteousness. Those that he cannot get to do away with hell altogether will have them believe that it is only for a short time and not a very bad place after all. He does this to get them to sleep on and live carelessly in this life and at the judgment claim them as his victims. Oh, how sad!

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There are two questions that ought to be sounded in every man's heart like the explosion of dynamite. The first is the question asked to Adam by God when he was trying to hide from him in the garden of Eden which is, "Where Art Thou." After he has properly answered the first question by confessing, repenting and yielding to God, then the second comes to him from God like as was asked Cain who killed his brother, Abel, "Where Is Thy Brother?"

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How little many are doing today in rescuing perishing souls.

Those whom God has made able to help in the gospel work, and who stand idly by and say, "Let the good work go on," are classed by the Savior as those that "draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."

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People can dress plain and wear no ornaments and be void of spiritual life; yet it still remains that those that are married to Christ and have their affections on things above neither follow nor care for the fashions and fads of this world.

Some say they put on some things like the world in order to win sinners to Christ, not discerning that in doing this the enemy is winning them and they are gradually being shorn of power and strength, and because of this many untimely and weak spiritual births happen.

If Satan can in some cunning way get you to put on and wear clothing or adorn with ornaments that do not become one professing godliness, he will soon have you speaking in favor of this and that thing which does not belong in the kingdom of God's dear Son, and thus darken your own soul and cause others to drift.

A great many folks have so much of self-love in their hearts that God is crowded out. Often they will say, I would give this or that for the Lord, but I have so many needs. If Godly love filled the greater portion of the soul, one would not see so many needs for self, for many of the needs would be seen to be wants.

There are many souls ensnared by Satan and backslide because they could always see so many faults and great sins done by their brother or sister. They got their eyes off of Jesus and down they went. You visit them in their backslidden state and you are apt to hear some terrible and outrageous things that different saints have done. The trouble with them is, they were enticed by Satan to look through his glasses instead of looking into the perfect law of liberty and continuing therein, being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work.

We are not going to get to heaven on what our brother does or does not do, but every man will be required to give an account of his own deeds done in the body.

One minister has said that before he was saved he looked upon preachers as lazy fellows. Satan will get saints to see ministers that way if he can, for he hates a real plain definite speaking minister. For his word is with power and authority and probes right down in the heart where the wrong thing is fastened on, and cuts like a two-edged sword.

If you want to see what a great and mighty God we serve and know how much He loves you, just read the forty-third chapter of Isaiah.

Bro. and Sister J. D. Llewellyn who have been stopping with us repairing the Gospel Car and taking a much needed rest, left here on the third of June to preach the gospel in other parts.

These are dear good saints, and the more you know them the more you love them. They travel around in their Faith Gospel Car and stop in private homes, school houses, towns and cities, preach the gospel and hand out literature. They take up no collections but travel by faith, and when in need they tell their heavenly Father about it, who tenderly

care for them in many different ways. Often saints desire to write to them and do not know their present address. We keep in touch with them and will forward all mail sent here for them.

Bro. Irvin H. Whitehouse from Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting us at present. The Lord gave him a message for us at the chapel last Sunday morning, and all were helped and blessed by truths brought out.

The Lord is using this young man in the ministry and he is ready to fulfill calls for meetings.

Bro. James L. Glasgow and wife who have just returned to Guthrie from Hope, Ark., are ready to go and hold meetings wherever their services are wanted. Bro. Glasgow is an old minister in this reformation and preaches the old time truth. You can write him at 2101 W. Washington Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Blackford Western Camp Meeting will be held at Blackford, Ky., beginning August 15th, lasting through August 24th, 1924. All are invited to attend. This meeting will be conducted on the free-will offering plan, and preparations are being made to care for all who come. We desire those needing help in soul or body to attend, as we expect the power of God to be present both to save and heal.

For any further information write Bro. J. S. Stanley, 1500 Obyren St., Henderson, Ky., or Bro. Finy Orr, Blackford, Ky.

Correspondence

Puyallup, Wash.—My dear brethren in Christ Jesus our Lord, greetings: I have been thinking of the work there for some days, so now will write a few lines with the help of the Lord's Holy Spirit. I am still praising God and holding to all He gives me, glory to His name. For some time I have been under a cloud, or undergoing a test for which I thank the Lord. You know when we have a hard storm how glad we are to see the sun shining again. Well that is about the way I feel today, only I know this is eternal while the other is temporal. Now I know that the Holy Spirit has touched my body and I have claimed the healing, but the enemy will try to make me believe it is a mistake and will bring the disease back again, to all appearance as bad as I was before. I think this has been the third time he has done this since I testified to my healing, but each time the Holy Spirit has helped me to hold out against him.

Today I have done a big washing, and did house work besides, in fact I have been on my feet from early this morning until now, 3 p. m., and feel as good as I did when I got up, yes even better, praise His dear name for it all. This is the first time for over two years that I have done such a day's work with such ease, and I expect to go right on trusting and praising God. While I was working I was think-

ing Jesus was tempted 40 days, and it was for me. Because He did not give in to the enemy is how I can have this great blessing and victory. He suffered and endured all things that we might be healed, soul and body. And He says there is no temptation taken us but what is common to man. The trouble is we give up the good fight of faith before the work is finished. Pray for me that I get stronger all the time and never give up. I am finding plenty of work to do as I get closer to God, helping and encouraging the weak ones, but I know this is only the beginning of good things if I keep under my body and keep my spirit subject to the Holy Spirit. Oh, it is beautiful to see the salvation of the Lord.

Now, somehow I feel a great interest in the little paper. I just feel like it is the Lord's, and I hope it will always be kept in His hands and will increase in the deep things of God, and not spread itself out "like a green bay tree." I believe God is in the little things, anyway I love them better every way and will work through them as He leads.

Yours in Jesus, all under His precious blood.

—SISTER IONE E. ROBBINS.

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Tucker, Ark., Camp No. 1.—My dear God-loving friends: I know you will be somewhat surprised to get this letter from a prisoner, but you will find some good people everywhere you go. I never was as good as I should have been, but now, thank God I am on the right road and I *know* that God has forgiven all my sins. This prison caused me to get right with God, and I never shall forsake Him again. I found the little Faith and Victory paper in the prison wall, and I never saw as fine a paper in my life. It is so wonderful, just like having a talk with Jesus. My wife has died since I have been in prison. I always did my best for my wife and children. My wife first taught me to love and obey God's laws. I went astray, but was awakened to my mistake and lost condition and I thank God today that I have got right with Him. There is only one thing that grieves me now and that is my children have refused to write to me, but I am leaving it all with my dear Lord and Savior. My children are now scattered in three states among my wife's people.

I read in the paper that you send it to anyone who would ask it sent to them. I would like to have it sent to me, and also to my daughter in Mississippi. I would like to have the prayers of the Christian people, and if any of God's people that are traveling would come this way it would be of great help to me. I surely trust this will reach you, and that you will pray for me.

—ONE OF GOD'S SOLDIERS

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Carlton, Nottingham, England.—Greetings to you in our Savior's most precious name. We were very pleased to receive such a helpful letter from you, full of messages from God. What a wonderful Jesus we have! His love so great is ours for the taking. We do rejoice that we accepted His love into our souls, and now, each day, we are taking in more and more of His precious gifts. Wife and I have been taught

by the dear Lord to trust Him to the fulness of His Word. Since we started to trust Him for all things He has revealed to us so much that seemed to us a mystery before. Ever increasing visions of His majesty, love and mercy are the joys of our lives. His power is all-sufficient for our every need, and we are content to just abide in Him according to His will. Realizing our weakness of spiritual strength and health, we glory in His loving chastening hand and that we are accounted worthy to suffer for His sake. Oh that He may purge out the evil from these fallen selves, and take to Himself great glory; to so mould and tend our spirits that they may change to His glory, as silver, gold and precious stones. We are anxious, by commandment of the Lord, to teach the full truths about faith, healing, perfection through suffering, His *all-sufficient* grace, full submission to His will, the Bible as fully inspired by God, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things through the cleansing blood of our precious Savior. There are many evils of "modernism" teaching Christ without the full atonement of His blood.

Of course we have met with much opposition, and most of this (we are grieved to say) from professing Christians. They are limiting God, and saying that it is right for Christians to go to doctors when they are sick. Faith is lacking among them to such a degree that we are termed fanatics, because we rely solely upon our heavenly Father to take care of us (soul, spirit, and body). As the dear Lord has led us, we have tried to point the way to perfect faith, and this has meant that we have been practically isolated from the rest of the church. Then, at the Savior's bidding, an evangelistic service was commenced at our place of worship at 8 P. M., after the usual evening service, to get in those who seem afraid to enter a church. This also was opposed, but it only throws us back into our Father's arms.

Now that the summer is almost here, we have been led by the Lord to ask other brothers and sisters in Jesus to join with us for open-air work. This is a large industrial district, and provides a splendid field for work of soul-saving. For this work we need tracts, and after thanking you in our Father's blessed name for sending that parcel, we ask you to kindly send any more that would be suitable. They will be given out to His glory. May "He who spans the universe with His right hand" continue to bless you in His work. Yours in Jesus, saved by His amazing grace.

—BRO. AND SISTER NORTH.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Dear Sister in Christ: I want to thank you for your letter of encouragement. I praise God this morning for peace and joy in my soul, and that I have no desire but one, that is to be true and faithful to Jesus in the little corner He would have me occupy. I was reared a Lutheran and was confirmed in that denomination at the age of 16 years. Jesus spoke to me many times in wonderful ways when I was a child, but having no one to instruct me in spiritual things I went on and on with a longing heart. On Jan. 1st 1921 Jesus sweetly saved me at

an altar in a little building which Evangelicals erected here years ago. I was very earnest and received the Lord's second blessing just twelve days later. Jesus was so precious near. Persecutions followed. I was in total darkness concerning the true way and was very happy looking to the older sisters in the denomination for teaching, as I believed with all my heart they were the Lord's people. The dear Lord led me to be strictly honest in my living and thus I realized I had not found the Lord's people after all. What a disappointment! Only Jesus knows what I passed through.

I was led to seek, to ask, and to knock. I finally became acquainted with a dear Sister who was teaching the whole truth. I searched my Bible, received and embraced the precious truth, and Jesus led me out into the clear light, praise His dear name. Now I know for myself what the teachings of Jesus really mean. This dear sister opened her home for meeting and there a few of us here that have paid the price and gone all the way with Jesus, and are decided to go on with Him to the journey's end. There are only a few of us who meet in the home, but we do enjoy ourselves so much in the Lord.

My desire is to help souls. This is such a dark corner. I do want to be a light in it to shine for Jesus. May the dear Lord be all to you that you need and keep you true and faithful. Jesus surely is only too willing to do His part; may we ever pay the price and do ours. Let us trust Him to lead and guide us in all things. Yours washed in Jesus' blood.

—SISTER ROSELLA SLIFER.

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Silverdale, Pa.—Greetings once more in the precious name of Jesus. Praise the dear Lord today finds me saved and rejoicing in the Lord, happy in His service. Surely the Lord wonderfully answered prayer. On the 15th of March I received your letter encouraging us to have meeting together. The Lord had been talking to me about having meeting and I had announced a meeting for that evening, and when I received your letter we were all the more encouraged. We had a good meeting that evening and ever since then we have been having meeting every Saturday evening, and all enjoy them very much. There is only a few of us but the Lord is graciously in our midst to comfort and bless, and the dear young sisters are fully satisfied with Jesus. Oh, praise His dear name.

May the dear Lord abundantly bless you each one at the publishing house for your labors of love in sending out such clean, pure literature. It surely does my soul good to receive Faith and Victory. If you have a few of the April number left please send me a few to hand out. The "Reasons for leaving sectism" is just what the people around here need. They don't seem to understand why we can not worship with them.

May the dear Lord bless and encourage all of your hearts to be true to Him at any cost is my prayer, in Jesus' precious name.

—SISTER AMANDA SHAFER.

Goldthwaije, Texas—Dear workers in Christ: I wish to express my gratitude to you for the little paper Faith and Victory, and to testify through its pages what the Lord our holy King has done for me. My two months old baby boy was bothered with a terrible wheezing and rattling that seemed to be in his throat and lungs. This trouble lasted about a month or longer, and all during that time I was giving him medicine and using different applications on his chest. I took him to the doctor once, but nothing would cure him or change the trouble in the least. It got so bad that you could hear him wheezing across the room. Some told me that it was some kind of bronchial trouble, and one lady said that she had a baby afflicted in the very same way and the doctor called it Bronchial Asthma. But praises be to our true and living God, no matter what it was or how serious, when turned to Him and earnestly begged Him to heal my baby in a short time the wheezing and rattling had ceased, and there has been only slight symptoms of it since, and at the present there are none at all and he breathes as natural as any baby. To God only I give all the praise.

Oh, dear ones, I am afraid that often when we call upon God for blessings and He sends them we just think, "Well it would have happened that way anyway," therefore failing to give God the praise, and even neglect to thank Him for the blessing. It is true that we sometimes fail to get what we ask God for, but it is not His lack of mercifulness or power, but our lack of faith. Let us live upright and the Lord will strengthen us, but be not workers of iniquity lest you be destroyed, for the holy Word says, "The way of the Lord is strength to the upright, but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity" (Prov. 13: 29). The Lord has helped me in many ways. He is a wonderful King to serve. Jesus will make our burdens light, even bear them for us if we will only serve and trust Him. Oh how much He does for us in return for the little mite we do for Him.

So, dear lost souls, if you wish to lay aside your burdens just turn from the broad road that leadeth to destruction and follow the strait and narrow path that leadeth to eternal life, there meet Jesus and earnestly beg His forgiveness for you sins. Though they be many, He will, oh! how gladly and freely, forgive them *every one*. Then live for Him and cast your burdens upon Him, and He will lead you on to the end of the strait and narrow path that leadeth to eternal life. Oh, dear souls! if Christ could *die* for us upon the cruel cross, it does look like we could do the little for Him that He asks in return, and that is *live for Him*. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Pray for me that I may have more faith, and be steadfast and unmoveable in the Lord.

—SISTER C. C. WESSON.

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Piggott, Ark.—Greetings in Jesus' name: I am glad to say of a truth that I am saved and living each day for the Lord. Praise God for Faith and Victory. It has been a source of encouragement to me. I re-

ceived it this morning and have read the sixteen pages which are real food to my hungry soul. There are not many people here that believe God's Word as I do, but by God's help I mean to stand for the truth as He has revealed it to me. I know He is the same today, yesterday, and forever more. He has healed me many times in answer to my own prayer. They think here I am very weak and fanatical to believe any such thing. They even slur my little boy about it at school. But, praise His dear name, I would be afraid to trust in the arm of flesh, knowing as I do that God really heals those who put their trust in Him. And I am so glad my little ten year old boy stands by mother and the God she serves, and trusts Him too.

Yes, God has led me out of division and strife into His One Fold, and I have longed for the Church of God to be seen here. I have put forth efforts to have Church of God ministers to come here to preach the real gospel, but I am discouraged in this respect. People will not hear. They will not even come out to services, they are so sectarian in spirit. My heart is so burdened; why can't their blinded eyes be opened? I have decided if I cannot have ministers come here to preach the pure Word that I will spend the money to go to other places where there are congregations of saints that I may receive food for my own soul.

I don't know what else to do only continue to live for the truth of the Bible, even though I have to live it by myself, with God's help only. May you who have opportunity to meet with the saints of God in a sweet service to Him, appreciate your opportunity, and do not forget to pray for isolated saints that need help so badly sometimes. Yours in the One Body of Christ. —SISTER RETHA THRASHER.

Ennis, Texas—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me rejoicing in a Savior's love with victory in my soul. Oh! praise the dear Lord for being so good to us. Your letter was so much encouragement to me, for I got the witness of the Lord's will that our baby, James, would be healed, and, praise God, he was healed of the rising in his head: his ear stopped swelling and running after I sent the request to pray for him. Praise the dear Lord for His Word, for all things are possible to them that believe. Oh! how I love the strait and narrow way. I want to go to the Camp Meeting this summer, and pray that the dear Lord will open up a way for me to go. The little tracts you sent me were certainly good, and the one "A Remarkable Vision of Hell" shows how the dear Lord does deal with a soul. Pray for me that I may stand true at any cost. Yours in Christ, saved and sanctified.

—SISTER ANDREW WEST.

Russellville, Ark.—Dear one in Christ: God bless you and help you to hearld the truth over this dark world. True, the light is come, but oh, it is darkness to so many. I do thank and praise God that I heard His call and feared and trembled, even in the dark

days of my life. Oh, I am so glad that His eye was upon me all the time of my ignorance and sin and that at the right moment He sent the arrow of conviction to my heart and that I did not resist, but cried and wrestled till the burden of sin rolled away and love and light and peace flooded my whole being. Oh, I praise Him! I praise Him!!

Too, I want to write you that I was completely healed of all fever, for which I sent request for agreement in prayer. I was very bilious, and as it seemed to me there was no other proper way to be relieved of the bile than that the system be rid and relieved of it. So it was moved out and away, reminding me much of the old Calomel cures, except the old nauseating consequences which everyone knows who has ever taken Calomel. I never had a sick stomach during the whole time. Oh, praise our God. I am still weak but improving all the time, praise God.

Your Bro. in Christ. —V. M. THREKELD.

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Henderson, Ky.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus name, and to the dear ones at Faith Pub. House: May the dear Lord bless you all in all your work for Jesus and souls, and supply all of your needs both temporal and spiritual. I want to thank the dear Lord for keeping this little paper clean thus far. I have been watching it for some time. Someone sent me the paper right after the Blackford camp-meeting last year. I thought I would watch it and see what it would prove to be. So far it has proved to be the cleanest paper I have ever seen. Now, brethren, it would be an easy thing to keep it so, by watching the devil and when you see him slipping in that which does not harmonize with the Bible, give no place to him or what he presents. Jesus said the Spirit and the Word will agree. When a testimony comes from the Word then we know the Spirit is the author of it. And when a testimony will not correspond with the Bible don't publish it. I pray that the Lord will give you all the discernment of spirits that you may discern between them that serve God, and them that serve the devil.

Brethren, I will put a request before you: The saints at Blackford want the Camp Meeting announced through this paper. The Blackford Western Camp Meeting will be held at Blackford, Ky, from August 15th to 24th. All saints are invited. It will be a good place for sinners to come and hear the pure gospel. It is to be nothing but the old time truth. And when the sick and afflicted will come with faith to the throne of God He will manifest His power and prove to His people that He loves them still. Let us pray that God will make this the best Camp Meeting that has ever been at Blackford. If anyone desires to ask any questions about the meeting write to Bro. Finy Orr, Blackford, Ky., or to me, J. S. Stanley. My address is 1500 Obyren St., Henderson, Ky. May the blessings of God rest upon you forever.

—BRO. J. S. STANLEY.

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LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

LESSON POEM

*Christ was once a little child,
I like Him a child would be;
Precious Jesus, meek and mild,
Live again Thy life in me.*

*Christ to manhood's fulness grew,
Finished all His life of love;
Live in me Thy life so true,
Let me all Thy fulness prove.*

*Christ is just the same to-day,
Just as kind and just as near;
Let me on His bosom lay
All my need and all my fear.*

—SEL. BY MATHILDA PAULSEN.

Utica, Penna.—Dear children: My precious little paper Faith and Victory just reached me and how my heart rejoiced when I saw for the first time a children's page, what we have been talking to the dear Lord about, and He has answered our prayers just as He always does when we ask for anything to His glory and the good of others. And how much we mothers all shall enjoy talking to you and hearing from you, and I just trust that every child that loves the dear Savior may feel free to write us through the clean little paper wherein God has given you a page all your own.

How I would love to see each child that reads these lines and have a good heart to heart talk with you. Oh, dear boys, God bless every one of you and help you to grow up to be good and noble men by shunning every evil way. The enemy of all good is placing so many temptations before you, but when tempted just think of this little verse:

*My body is a temple,
To God it does belong;
He bids me keep it for His use,
He wants it pure and strong.*

And the dear girls to which I am now speaking are not longing to be butterflies of fashion when older, but rather desiring the meek and quiet spirit which is a jewel of great price.

Your own true friend and mother in Jesus.

—SISTER WM. MCKAY.

A TRUTHFUL AND TOUCHING INCIDENT

[The following is a reprint from a tract printed about half a century ago.]

At a station a little girl about eight years old came aboard the train carrying a little budget under her arm. She came into the car and deliberately took

a seat. She then commenced an eager scrutiny of faces, but all were strangers to her. She appeared weary, and placing the budget for a pillow, she prepared to try to secure a little sleep. Soon the conductor came along collecting tickets and fare. Observing him, she asked if she might lie there. The gentlemanly conductor replied that she might, and then kindly asked her for her ticket. She informed him that she had none, when the following conversation ensued. Said the conductor:

"Where are you going?"

She answered: "I am going to Heaven."

He asked again: "Who pays your fare?"

She then said: "Mister, does this railroad lead to Heaven, and does Jesus travel on it?"

He answered: "I think not. Why do you think so?"

"Why, sir, before mama died, she used to sing to me of a Heavenly railroad, and you looked so nice and kind I thought this was the road. My mama used to sing of Jesus and the Heavenly railway, and that He paid the fare for everybody; and that the train stopped at every station to take people on board; but my mama don't sing to me any more. Nobody sings to me now, and I thought I'd take the cars and go to mama. Mister, do you sing to your little girl about the railroad that goes to Heaven? You have a little girl, haven't you?"

He replied weeping: "No, my little dear, I have no little girl now. I had one once, but she died some time ago, and went to Heaven."

Again she asked: "Did she go over this railroad; and are you going to see her now?"

By this time all the persons in the coach were upon their feet, and most of them were weeping. An attempt to describe what I witnessed is almost futile. Some said, "God bless the little girl." Hearing some one say that she was an angel, the little girl earnestly replied, "Yes, my mama used to say I would be an angel some time."

Addressing herself once more to the conductor she asked him: "Do you love Jesus? I do, and if you love Him He will let you ride to Heaven on His railroad. I am going there, and I wish you would go with me. I know Jesus will let me into Heaven when I get there, and He will let you in too, and everybody that will ride on His railroad—yes, all these people. Would you like to see Heaven, and Jesus, and your little girl?"

These words so innocently and pathetically uttered brought a great gust of tears from all eyes, but most profusely from the eyes of the conductor. Some who were traveling on our Heavenly railroad shouted aloud for joy.

She now asked the conductor: "Mister, may I lie here until we get to Heaven?"

He answered: "Yes, dear, yes."

She then asked: "Will you wake me up then, so that I may see my mama, your little girl, and Jesus? for I do so want to see them all."

The answer came in broken accents, but in words very tenderly spoken: "Yes, dear angel, yes. God bless you!" "Amen!" was sobbed by more than a score of voices.

Turning her eyes upon the conductor, she interrogated him:

"What shall I tell your little girl when I see her? Shall I say to her that I saw her papa on Jesus' railroad? Shall I?"

This brought a fresh flood of tears from all present; and the conductor kneeled by her side, and, embracing her, wept the reply he could not utter. At this juncture the brakeman called out "H—s." The conductor arose and requested him to attend to his (the conductor's) duty at the station, for he was engaged. That was a precious place. I thank God that I was a witness to this scene, but I was sorry that at this point I was obliged to leave the train.

We learn from this incident that even out of the mouth of babes God hath ordained strength; and that we ought to be willing to represent the cause of our blessed Jesus even in a railroad coach.

A few months after the above occurrence I received the following from the conductor:

CONDUCTOR'S LETTER

Bro. Dosh:—I wish to relieve my heart by writing to you, and saying to you that that angel visit on the cars was a blessing to me, although I did not realize it in its fulness until some hours later. But blessed be the Redeemer, I know now I am His, and He is mine. I no longer wonder why Christians are happy. Oh my joy, my joy! The instrument of my salvation has gone to God. I had purposed adopting her in the place of my little daughter, who is now in Heaven. With this intention I took her to C—B—, and on my return trip took her back to S—n, where she left the cars. In consultation with my wife in regard to adopting her, she replied, "Yes, certainly, and immediately, too, for here is a Divine providence in this. Oh," said she, "I never could refuse to take under my charge the instrument of my husband's salvation." I made inquiry for the child at S—n, and learned that in three days after her return she died suddenly, without any apparent cause, and her happy soul had gone to dwell with her mama, my little girl, and the angels in Heaven. I was sorry to hear of her death, but my sorrow was turned to joy when I think that my angel daughter received intelligence from earth concerning her papa, and that he is on the Heavenly railway. Oh, brother, methinks I see her near the Redeemer. I think I hear her sing, "I'm safe at home and papa and mama are coming;" and I find myself sending back the reply, "Yes, my darling, we are coming, and will soon be there." Oh, my dear brother, I am glad that I ever formed your acquaintance: may

the blessings of the great God rest upon you. Please write to me, and be assured, dear brother, I would be happy to meet you again.

(Testimonies Continued from page 8.)

Baltimore, Md.—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus: I thank God today for being fully saved and kept and enjoying His dear service. We are truly living in most perilous times amid false doctrines and deceptions of men, and our only safety is to cling to the Word of God only. May our God richly bless all of you dear ones and help you to publish and send out to the world the pure Gospel Truth, for it is *the power of God* unto salvation that wins the lost for Jesus. May the Lord reward you for your sacrifice and labors for Him.

I desire that you send me some of your gospel tracts for distribution, as I am engaged in gospel work here, and can use them alright in my labors for the dear Lord and precious souls. I thank you for the literature already sent me; I so enjoy reading the paper. Pray for God's people here, and also for the work, and that God bless the tracts distributed to the salvation of dear souls.

Your Bro. in Christ.

—JOHN H. CLAY.

Olivet, Mich.—Dear ones at Faith Pub. House: May the dear Lord bless and keep you saved and keep Faith and Victory a clean paper. I feel led of the Lord to write my testimony. I am receiving your paper and want to say I like it very much. It has the good old gospel ring to it,—just what I like to read. I like to read the testimonies and articles that come out in it. They are so encouraging and uplifting. They do my soul good. The good old Bible truths are just what I like to read. When I have the paper read through, I send it to others to read.

Today finds me saved, sanctified, and kept by the grace and power of God. The Lord saved my soul from all sin about twenty years ago. Six months later He sanctified my heart; has been my physician for my body for twenty years also. I have never seen the time since God saved my soul that I have had any desire to go back to the beggarly elements of this world. I have no desire or love to wear flowers, feathers etc. on my hats, or to wear gold or to trim my dresses with superfluity, such as laces, embroideries, etc. I do not see any beauty in these worldly fashions. The neat, plain dresses look the best to me. I love to wear my clothes as becometh saints professing godliness.

It seems sad to see so many of the dear ones who used to be saints and a power in God's hands in bringing souls to Christ, to now go back to the world, put on flowers and feathers on their hats, wear gold etc. Well I am glad God has a people that will not shun to declare the whole truth, and will cry out against those things. I pray God to keep you all true and faithful to the end. Pray for me that I keep true and faithful till God calls me home to glory. Yours in Jesus. —SISTER LEMUEL WRIGHT.

Homestead, Okla.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. May the dear Lord bless and encourage you to press on for Jesus, and make you a blessing to all humanity. It certainly pays to serve the Lord in these last perilous days, when so few want Jesus. What a privilege it ought to be for us to serve such a wonderful Master, one above all masters and above all gods, one who knows everything, sees everything, and above all cares for us, yes, even to such an extent that He gave His very life for us, a ransom for our sins, praise His name. And when we look into this world so full of sin and depravity, how thankful we should be for this great salvation that He has purchased for us.

An accident occurred here in our neighborhood last Saturday night. Some of the young people were having a dance, and as a car of them were returning they were drinking and became reckless in driving. They tried to turn a corner going 45 miles an hour and the car upset. One of the young men (only 17 years of age) was instantly killed, his neck being broken; one of the girls had a broken collar bone, but God in His mercy spared the others that they might repent and not perish. Oh, how sad it is! How careful we parents should be in rearing our children.

May the Lord bless you in the work there and glorify Himself in the spreading of His gospel unto all mankind, and keep and preserve it pure and undefiled. There is so much unclean literature today and it seems that the world will just feast on it and be satisfied, and they get fat on it and want nothing. I was glad to see a children's page also in Faith and Victory, and I am praying God's blessings upon it and the writers, also the readers, be they young or old. We are earnestly praying for Bro. and Sister Busch and their little child, praying for the Lord to take a hand and move everything to His own glory.

The Lord is giving us some precious little meetings, and He so encourages us to press the battle on for He is our Captain. It is not always the number that makes the meeting good. But the precious promise we have, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be among them" (German Translation). Dear saints pray for us.

Yours saved and sanctified in the blood of the Lamb.

—SISTER LYDIA A. ECK.

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Wattsburg, Pa.—Dear saints of God: Greetings to you one and all. I thank God and you for the paper, Faith and Victory. Its contents cheer my soul. The only two churches here are so cold, worldly and dry, I do not go much as I get no soul food there. I am glad to hear from you all. I want to tell you that away back in 1882 our Lord sought me out. I was a widow then and had been an invalid ten years. I had curved spine and internal disease, and during the ten years my friends had ten different physicians and all said there was no earthly cure for me. I humbled myself before God as never before. I was willing to die, but did not lose my voice. I had not set up half a day in 5 years. Oh, how I did see my

unworthiness and spiritual need. The Holy Ghost condescended to reveal to me that Jesus was willing to heal now as when He was on earth. I had no one to teach me, but oh, God did teach me, bless His name. I gave myself to Him for life and asked Him in Jesus' name to heal me inside and out and straighten out my spine and He did it right then, Feb. 16th, 1882, and the third day I walked to my next door neighbors' telling them I was fully saved from sin and healed. I was sent soon afterward into Mission Work in New York City. I have been in Christ's training school many years, and find the Holy Ghost a wonderful teacher. I find in order to be one of the Bride we must keep low at the feet of Jesus and be without spot or wrinkle. I am now living with my daughter. Please pray our God to send an old time revival here to Wattsburg soon. Oh, how it is needed. Join with me in prayer for it. In tender Christian love to one and all. God bless and use you for His glory.

—SISTER A. E. BAIN.

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Kansas City, Mo.—To the beloved saints who have been redeemed by the precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works" (Titus 2: 14). I am so glad I can say I know my Redeemer liveth, and He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day; that my trust is in one that faileth not but whose promises are yea and amen. What a comfort it has been to me during trials, when sometimes the trial seems almost beyond endurance, I could look to Him that promised. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, just depending on His faithfulness. If I had been looking at my faithfulness I would have been in despair, but to lean on One that is mighty to save and strong to deliver, gives perfect peace and rest.

Lean on His arms, trusting in His love,
Lean on His arms, all His mercies prove;
Lean on His arms, looking to heaven above,
Lean on the Savior's arms."

I am praising Him for that resting place I have found in Him. I am glad there is one who is able to help the helpless, to strengthen the weak, to heal the broken hearted, to lift up the discouraged and bring joy, peace, and rest to the weary that knew no rest. "For He is our peace, who through His death on the cross, abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

I want to say a word of appreciation of Faith and Victory and for the testimonies; how they do encourage the heart to press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, knowing if we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him. Now may the God of all comfort, comfort each one of you that you may be able to lift up the discouraged ones and point them to One that has borne all our sins and sickness on the cross.

Yours in Christ.

—SISTER E. L. MARTIN.

EXHORTATION TO SAINTS

Dear saints in light: It is to you I write. My heart is filled with divine love to you. Your testimonies are refreshing. The time is short. You will not have long to live for Christ in this dark world, so put on your beautiful garments, salvation, sanctification, true holiness unto the Lord. In all your thoughts, actions, words, dress, in all you do, everywhere you go, hold up Jesus.

To truly be born again, born of God is wonderful. To be filled indeed with the Holy Ghost is great. To abide in Christ and His Words in us is riches untold. God did wonders for men and women to give us the Holy Ghost, the third person in the Holy Trinity. Be sure He fills your body, then your body is indeed the temple of the blessed Holy Ghost. Then Jesus' words are *life* and *spirit* in your heart and mind. Then your light will shine so clear, so bright. Many worldly professors say they have the Holy Ghost, but their false lights will not shine in the presence of the saints in light; neither will they shine in the presence of Jesus Christ at the judgment.

Let Christ Jesus, the gospel, dwell in you richly. With every fleeting breath say, "For me to live is Christ." Let your conversation be in heaven from whence you look for Jesus to come. Seek those things above where Jesus is. Linger around Calvary, hear His groans. Look at the drops of blood-sweat as He carried the cross and in the garden where He overcame. Look on Calvary, the price of your poor soul. Oh! there is none like Jesus, dying that we might live. His whole desire is that you be with Him in heaven. Others may hold up Paul or Appolos—this or that preacher,—as for me, I will hold up Jesus here in this world, always. There is none like *Jesus* to me.

—SISTER J. EDW. WETZEL.

CHURCH OF GOD PASTORAL LETTER

.... *To the elders and deacons and saints in "the faith" and the love unfeigned* (1 Tim. 1: 15).

In the present momentous situation in spiritual affairs, it seems good to the Holy Spirit that such as have kept a clear conscience, and possess that sound mind of Jesus Christ should now come forward with the faith, consolation, and wisdom so sorely needed (2 Cor. 1: 12-13).

The church is confidently assured that all the saved are "free" and without condemnation (Rom. 8: 1). The devil's purpose is to prevent the exercise of such holy freedom, especially in the governmental phases of the church. His aim is to make lords, popes, and tyrants out of the ministry and thus harass and

beat the flock. • The saints still regard Christ as the true Head of the body, and ministers and all officers are but servants. We are free to invoke the direct aid of the Holy Spirit as in the precious Morning Light period of the church, long before sects and factions arose to rend the body. Since no publishing work or ministerial hierarchy are urged to assume with holy boldness such local and general authority as the spirit and text of the New Testament authorizes. Each congregation must be set in divine order, and may then send evangelists and missionaries into surrounding territory and to foreign lands as the Bible teaches, without funds or authority going through the hands of a central board devised by man's wisdom.

The theoretical training of ministers in theological schools appears chiefly as a device to maintain the sectarian church establishment. Saints are not under bondage to support such schools, but are free to possess Faith Homes, and to provide for the needed training of such workers whose faith and consecration indicates the good hand of the Lord upon them. The deacons of the church will by prayer and fasting get the mind of the Lord in the raising and distributing of funds, so that thrusting the collection plates under the nose of the saints may be speedily and happily abolished. Ministers whose wants demand the income of a forced, mechanical or Mosaical system of taxation may seek other fields to the advantage of a pure church that needs not enroll or cater to the worldly-minded to get support.

Wholly sanctified persons do not need instruments of music with which to praise the Lord, and all such instruments will with great profit be removed from all meeting-houses of the church of God. Be it known that the saints are free to put the principles of this letter and such other principles as the Lord gives, into practice without any fear of excommunication from any self-appointed and elected group of operators who with the cunning Jesuits, seek to bind upon free saints the grievous burdens that have dragged the sectarian world into her fallen condition, and invited the thunderbolts of divine wrath. The angel of Revelation proclaimed, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen," and, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins." God is sifting out a people from among the called out ones. Let all who have obeyed "the call" exclaim hallelujah with the holy remnant upon earth, and the mighty host of heaven who have escaped the plagues of mystic Babylon!

"Back to the blessed old Bible,

Back to the light of its word;

Be on our banners forever,

'Holiness unto the Lord!'"

—R. F. LAMM.

HOW TO CONTINUALLY GO FORWARD

Many dear children of God who have had gracious experiences of Divine healing are finding themselves bound again by sickness, and they are confessing that they have no light as to the originating cause of their bondage. The Word of God teaches us that the people of God perish for lack of knowledge. Very deeply do spiritually minded persons realize that nothing short of constant participation in His Life—through His written Word, applied by His Spirit, working manifestly in their hearts and minds—will protect believers from such failures. It may be that we constantly have failed, more or less, in recognizing the fact that tribulation attacks not ourselves, but our faith, and that tribulation is inevitably repulsed when it meets living faith; i. e. Christ in man. Tribulation cannot overcome faith—it is always mastered by faith. But whenever tribulation meets doubt, it easily enters through this doorway of the devil's, and overcomes the doubter.

Having once been healed in soul and body, we must henceforth be determined to go forward in faith. If we are strong in faith, we may expect to be strong in body and soul. If we are weak in faith, we may expect to be weak in body and soul.

—HARRIETTE S. BAINBRIDGE.

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL DAY

The Gospel day is divided into four periods of prophetic time. The Gospel dispensation is termed in Scripture a day, (Rom. 13: 12; 2 Cor. 6: 2; Heb. 4: 7). The early morning of the Gospel day was ushered in clear and bright. It was so prophesied (Isa. 60: 1-3; Mal. 4:2). The prophecy fulfilled, (Luke 1: 78-79; Rev. 12: 1). The chief characteristics were purity and unity (2 Cor. 11: 2; Eph. 5: 25-27; Acts 4: 31). To indulge in sin and the various pleasures of the world after joining the Lord is spiritual fornication and idolatry. "He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit" (1 Cor. 6: 17); they have the same spirit of love, patience, suffering and sorrow. This is the kind of joining that God speaks of in the Bible. "And ye are complete in Him which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2: 10).

One Spirit,	1 Cor. 6: 17.
One name,	Eph. 3: 14-15.
One body,	Rom. 12: 4-5.
One Head,	Eph. 5: 23.
One heart.	Acts 4: 32.
One mind,	1 Cor. 1: 10.
One doctrine,	2 Tim. 3: 16-17.
One faith,	Eph. 4: 5.
One way,	Jer. 32: 38-39.
One accord,	Acts 2: 1.

One baptism,	Eph. 4: 5.
One fold,	John 10: 16.
One door of entrance,	John 10: 9.
Salvation is the mode of induction.	

"By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep and am known of mine," verse 14; and, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me," verse 27; "and a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers," verse 5. "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep," verse 11; and "I give them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" verse 28. The Church possessed a great power, Acts 4: 31-33; multitudes were saved, Acts 2: 41, 46-47; 5: 14; wonderful healing miracles were performed, Acts 5: 12-16. The morning glory of the Church very soon began to fade away—as early as the year A. D. 54. Paul told the Thessalonian brethren to be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled by spirit nor by word (2 Thess. 2: 2). "Let no man deceive you." He could with his spiritual eye see what the Lord prophesied in Matt. 24: 4-5, and is still coming to pass.

And about 15 years afterward, writing to the Corinthian brethren he admonished them that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care, one for another (1 Cor. 12: 25). But we read that in the course of another year they seem to have division among them. "Ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty" (2 Cor. 6: 16-18). I fail to find any salvation for those who disobey the command. When Paul was bidding his final farewell to the Corinthian brethren, how lovingly he told them to "be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of peace and love shall be with you." This was in the year A. D. 30.

About the same time he sent a word of warning to the Roman brethren to mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which they have learned, and avoid them (Rom. 16: 17).

Peter told of false teachers bringing in damnable heresies—"and many shall follow their pernicious ways" (2 Pet. 1: 2. A. D. 66).

John the Apostle speaks of antichrist, false pro-

phets and deceivers in the world in the year A. D. 90.

The morning glory of the Church lasted but a little while. It was so prophesied—"The people of Thy holiness possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down Thy sanctuary" (Isa. 63:18). And by the year A. D. 270 the true Church was almost lost sight of on account of the awful night of apostasy that came to view (Joel 2: 2; 2 Thess. 2: 3-10; Matt. 24: 11-12). This was fulfilled during the dark and bloody day of Papal Rome (Rev. 13: 1-10; 17: 1-6), which lasted 1260 years during the long night of apostasy. The two witnesses, the Word and the Spirit, the Governors of God's Church prophesied a thousand two hundred and three score days clothed in sackcloth (Rev. 11: 3), and only reigned supreme in the hearts of a few who never acknowledged Papal Rome to be the body of Christ, the true Church. Now comes Martin Luther's Reformation of 1530. "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness leaning on her beloved?" Cant. 8: 5, (Justification by faith). In the beginning of the Protestant Era the two witnesses were brought to view but were soon robbed entirely of their position as governors of God's Church. During this era the light would not be clear nor dark (Zech. 14: 6); this signifies a mixture of truth and error. During this time God's people were being scattered (Ezek. 34: 12). The beast that ascended out of the bottomless pit made war against the two witnesses and overcame them and killed them (Rev. 11: 7), and their dead bodies laid in the streets of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, "and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves" (Rev. 11: 9), "and after three days and a half," prophetically means three centuries and a half, during the cloudy and dark day (Ezek. 34: 12) which lasted from A. D. 1530 to 1880. But the two witnesses were not always to remain trampled under foot in the streets of the great city. "The spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood upon their feet and great fear fell upon them which saw them (Rev. 11: 11).

"But it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light" (Zech. 14: 7). In this it is vividly portrayed in the present glorious restoration of the Church of God which is now taking place in the world. Christ does not open the door of a sect-church (1 Cor. 14:33). Christ is not the head of any sect (Eph. 1: 22-23; Col. 1: 18). The Holy Ghost does not baptize into a sect (Rev. 3: 7-8; Isa. 22: 22). Sectism is heresy and heresy is sin (Gal. 5: 20; Tit. 3: 10-11). "For this, saith the Lord God, Behold I, even I will both search my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep and will deliver them out of all

places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day" (Ezek. 34: 11-12). "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?" etc. (Cant. 3: 6). Mystery Babylon. "My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she has no sister" (Cant. 6: 9). "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, terrible as an army with banners" (Cant. 6: 10). "Thou art all fair, my love: there is no spot in thee" (Cant. 4: 7). Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that "He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5: 25-27). "Has no sister,"—all other so-called churches are counterfeit. Unity is of God, schism is not of God. The elect and the precious are being taken from the vile into one fold (Matt. 24: 30-33; Ezek. 34: 12). The bride is being prepared for the coming of her Lord (Rev. 19: 7-9). There will be no more apostasy of the true Church (Isa. 60: 18-22). "Lift up a standard for the people." "Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughters of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh, Behold, his reward is with him and his work before him. And they call them the holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, a city not forsaken" (Isa. 62: 10-12). There is a standard which must be held up if we expect unity to exist in the Church of God today. That standard is Bible truth, nothing more and nothing less than what the Bible teaches will effect unity. "Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty one of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies. And I will turn my hand upon thee: and purely purge away thy dross and take away thy tin. And I will restore thy judges as at first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning, afterwards thou shalt be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city: Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressor and the sinner shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed" (Isa. 1: 24-28).

Ministers of the Church of God must stand upon the Word and preach the pure Gospel. We have not learned more than God knows. He through His apostles and prophets taught unity and this we must continue to teach if we expect to keep our place in the last reformation, or rather the glorious restoration to the morning glory of the Church of God. The ministry must stand together on the cardinal doctrine of the Bible, must teach salvation from sin, sanctifi-

cation as a second definite work of grace, divine healing of the body, the one true Church, the ready bride; we must teach unity that God's people should be all united in one working, conquering body. "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." Worship Him who made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters, and preach the everlasting Gospel unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (Rev. 14: 6). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 16). "And if any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation" (Rev. 14: 9-10).

The maze of sectarian division of today constitutes the Mystery Babylon of Rev. 17: 5.

"And an angel from heaven having great power cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev. 18: 2). "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Rev. 18: 3). "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18: 4). "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev. 18: 5).

God is gathering His people in the evening of the Gospel day into one fold.

We are quickened together,	Eph. 2: 5.
We are raised together,	Eph. 2: 6.
We are fitly framed together,	Eph. 2: 21.
We are fitly joined together,	Eph. 4: 16.
We are knit together,	Col. 2: 19.
We are workers together,	2 Cor. 6: 1.
We flow together,	Isa. 30: 5.
We live together,	1 Thess. 5: 10.
We walk together,	Amos 3: 3.
We strive together,	Phil. 1: 27.
We dwell together,	Psa. 133: 1.
We rejoice together,	John 4: 36.
We shall be caught up together,	

1 Thess. 4: 17.

We shall be glorified together, Rom. 8: 17.

We shall ever dwell together, 1 Thess. 4: 17.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3: 16-17).

It is not God's purpose to hide the truth from anyone, but only those who have a mind to believe, accept and obey it are able to receive it. And as a natural consequence those who have no willing mind to believe, to accept, and obey the truth that they might be saved, but had pleasure in unrighteousness, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2: 11-12).

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jer. 6: 16). "Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken" (Jer. 6: 17). "Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways" (Job 21: 14).

"His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. He shall be driven from light into darkness and chased out of the world" (Job 18: 17-18). —ANGUS McDONALD.

THE TRUE SHEPHERD'S LEADINGS

Dear ones in Christ and all the readers of Faith and Victory: Last Saturday evening while I was preparing for the coming Sunday I was meditating on God and things eternal, and it flashed into my mind at once to write my experience: how I was separated or came out of my old church. I don't suppose anyone has been, or ever will be, any more confused or have any more trouble about this matter than I did, as I had no one to converse with about it. When I joined the church at the age of 14 years, I did not see much difference in one church from another, but before I joined I asked some one which was the best and they said the Missionary Baptist they thought was the most popular and up-to-date. Of course I wanted to be popular then, so I joined that church, [oh, may God have mercy on anyone that will join, or advise anyone to join anything because it is popular], but later on I was continually taught from the pulpit that the Missionary Baptist church was the true church and the only church, and to believe in anything else would not do to die by. So I soon learned to believe that they were right, and did not know any better until I went to seeking God for holiness and healing four years ago. I was soon made to see I must have my name taken off of my old church book, but the thing that gave me so much trouble and confused me the most was if I should completely quit

worshiping with them in every way. Oh, how hard it did seem to have that to do, as I loved my old church so dearly and had been a regular attendant so long, but after my name had been taken off I felt more like I should not go back any more but was not perfectly satisfied about it. The next meeting day I went again, and let me tell you, dear reader, I can't begin to describe to you what I went through with for one whole week, but I can tell you I lost all the joys of salvation. Oh, my past happy experience was as dark as midnight, and I also lost the blessing of healing, every old symptom came back on me and I could not eat anything without great pain. Oh, I was in such distress and confusion, I could not sleep. It seemed more than I could bear; just to think I had been so happy and well and now had lost both blessings so quickly. But I prayed and fasted 48 hours and got victory again, and was the same spiritually and physically as before, praise God, and I was perfectly satisfied then that God did not want me to attend any kind of a backslidden church or Sunday School. But in a few weeks the Baptist protracted meeting started and the pastor and some of the members sent me word to be sure to come, saying that they surely did miss me and needed me to help them in the meeting. Well the devil got me all torn up and as confused as before. Oh, it seemed I could not live if I did not get satisfied about it one way or the other.

That night I heard the singing at the church, as I live near it; I said "Oh, Father, I must know the truth, and I must know it now." I had been reading my Bible so I laid it down and fell on my knees beside the table and prayed. I did not feel any better, so I asked the Lord to direct me to some Scripture that would forever settle this matter. As I arose I picked up my Bible. Oh, I was in earnest about it. I opened to the 15th chapter of Matthew and it seemed that the 14th verse stood above all the rest. It seemed to me God spoke to me from heaven and said, "Let them alone; they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." And then my eyes fell on the 8th and 9th verses above the 14th verse and it seemed they spoke as plain as the other one: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouths and honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." Oh, dear reader, that was enough. I closed my Bible and clasped my hands for joy and said, "Praise God, that settles it forevermore," and from that time to this I have never had a desire to go and worship with a backslidden people in any way. Praise God, I am satisfied now to stay at home and study my Bible and be alone with God. So I can feel perfectly safe in saying to anyone if you are confused about this matter, and don't know what to do, don't hesitate any longer, for just as sure as God Almighty is on His throne you will lose your soul if you stay in a backslidden so-called church of any kind. You must come out from her, or you will be a partaker of her sins and will receive the same plagues that they receive (See Rev. 18: 4).

Dear reader the time has been when we could stay in our so-called churches if we did the very best we could, and keep clear in our souls and thus get to heaven, but the day is here when we must come out from her for she has backslid. God be praised for sending light to our souls and we must walk in the light or lose our souls. All the old churches now are in the same condition that Paul said they would be in the last days. He said they would be "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers disobedient to parents, unholy * * * despisers of those that are good, * * * high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3: 2-5). Oh, dear reader, the time has come when they are denying that God has power to save from sin in this life; they are denying His power to heal the body. Oh, dear souls the time has come that they will not endure sound doctrine just as the Lord foretold. They will turn away their ears from the truth (2 Tim. 4: 3-4). So the sooner you come out from your old church and just walk in God's precious truth and light, the better it will be for you. Now may God help you to walk in the light while ye have the light, that ye may be the children of light (John 12 :36). Surely, dear souls to come out from them will bring great persecutions. You will suffer for it; your best friends and even your kindred will turn their backs on you and cast out your name as evil, but Jesus said, "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you * * * rejoice ye in that day, for behold, great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5: 11-12).

Your Sister in Christ.

—IDA LEE.

STIR ME

*"Stir me, O stir me, Lord, I care not how;
But stir my heart in passion for the world:
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir, till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.*

*"Stir me, O stir me Lord, till all my heart
Is filled with strong compassion for these souls,
Till Thy compelling 'must' drives me to prayer;
Till Thy constraining love reach to the poles,
Far North and South, in burning deep desire;
Till East and West are caught in love's great fire.*

*"Stir me, O Lord! Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou did'st give
Thine only Son, Thy best-beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful Cross that I might live:
Stir me to give myself back to Thee
That Thou can'st give Thyself again through me.*

*"Stir me, O stir me, Lord; for I can see
Thy glorious triumph day begin to break;
The dawn already gilds the Eastern sky!
O Church of Christ, Awake!—Awake!
O, stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day!
The night is past, our King is on His way!"*

—SELECTED BY SISTER WM. MCKAY.