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the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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JESUS WILL SAVE

O, sinners, come to Jesus;
He is such a loving friend;
You never will regret the day,
That the Lord forgave your sins.

If you want a home with Jesus,
When your time on earth shall end;
You must obey the Saviour;
And He'll pardon all your sins.

Now, sinners, do not doubt it,
To heaven you can not go;
Unless you come to Jesus,
Where the healing waters flow.

I ask you not to linger;
But hasten on your way;
For the Lord is always ready,
For to cleanse you any day.

What a happy place in glory,
Where the saints are wholly cleansed;
If you want to live among them;
Ask the Lord to forgive your sins.

He is ready, and He is willing,
He is knocking at the door;
If you are willing to accept Him;
Praise the Lord forever more.
—By Sarah M. Dimmitt

WHOM DO YOU FEAR?

Those who fear Satan are subject to Satan, and those who really fear God are subject to God.

Those who fear Satan, will be found laboring and striving for earthly gain, will manifest a covetous spirit, will desire popularity and earthly fame, will take much interest in earthly possessions, and show family pride, will adorn their bodies for show and display, making themselves to appear, to the ignorant, to be more than they are, using big words with fair speeches, deceiving and being deceived, making a fair show in the flesh, running with the revelry of the

world, delighting in fleshly achievements and at the same time hiding under the act of joining a church and professing to be the Lord's—putting on fig-leaf aprons to hide their guilt from God. Shame on such ignorance and hypocrisy—many of such are "graves that appear not." The word of God thunders at you, "Awake to righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." (1 Cor. 15: 34).

Others, who fear Satan, are bound to a larger and more degraded, soul suffering, manner. They lie, steal, sware, curse, hate, murder, drink the devils' whisky and other strong drink, chew and smoke poison weeds, and lust after the opposite sex;—and having a foretaste of hell while yet in this mortal body. To such the word of God sounds out clear and plain, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23)

Dear soul, we beg of you to choose Jesus Christ and have eternal life. He will break the binding powers of Satan and set you free from all this sin that is blighting your life, and bring ruin to your soul for all ages. Christ will give you power over Satan, who is wrecking and damning your soul. God will make you a clean man before Himself and before your friends and enemies. He will give you a new life, new thoughts, and new ways. He will transfer your affections from earthly to heavenly things—for He came not to condemn; but to save you, to set you free, and make you able to please God in all your ways and deeds. He will forgive the past and remember them against you no more. He will make you as innocent as you were the day you played around mother's knees. Oh, dear sinner, friend, taste and see that the Lord is GOOD.

Those that really fear God, will be found greatly interested in possessing and retaining the spirit that Christ manifested; will be found doing good to others when the opportunity arises, whether friend or foe; will not be covetous, but willing to communicate; will be willing to give freely of their substance for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth, for the spread

of the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; will refrain from speaking evil; is not puffed up, heady, or high-minded; but in lowliness of heart, and with an humble spirit, they yield unto the will of God, whom they reverence with godly fear. They are translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son, which causes their affections to be on heavenly things and their delight to be in God who fills their souls with the richness of His love. They love to attend meetings where Christ is honored as high priest, and His blood as an atonement for sin. They prefer the Bible to all books. They have a hope of glory in their souls which urges them on to be diligent in all good works, knowing that they shall reap if they faint not; for the crown has been spoken of as one that fadeth not away, and the glory appears more nearer as earthly things fade from view.

Such as these hear the word of Christ. In Rev. 2: 7; we read, "*To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*" Also these comforting words are found in John 16:33, "*In the world ye shall have much tribulations but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*"

—Fred Pruitt

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THE NATIONS SHALL RUSH LIKE THE RUSHING
OF MANY WATERS

—(Isaiah 17:13.)—

Brethren, Sisters, and readers: I want to illustrate the above subject with this text, "But God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off," (Isa. 17: 13).

The prophet, Isaiah, in his prophesy, foretold of these very days in which we are now living, for, my beloved ones, the world is now on a fast stage, rushing like the rushing of many waters—living in styles and fashions, and are teaching that such are right—and are serving other gods, but God shall rebuke them and they shall flee far off. They shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Yes, some go so far as to say that you cannot keep from idling away some of your time, making the word of God of none effect. Dear ones, old Satan, the devil, is seeking whom he may devour, but go to God, through Jesus Christ, and He will rebuke the devil and he will flee far off.

We will give an illustration of whom old Satan is like. You take in our United States, the peddler is given the authority to sell his goods and produce from one place to another in order to sell it—but, he isn't given the authority to make us buy them. Whenever he under takes such a plan, our government will punish the peddler. It is the same way with old Satan, the sin peddler. He goes around trying to tempt some soul, causing them to partake of his pleasures, styles,

fashions, and living in a haste and a rush like the rushing of many waters. and giving great carousals—but God shall rebuke them and they shall flee far off. Dear ones, let us not wait for God rebuke us any further than He has already. The next time He rebukes you it may be too late to repent. You may be as the chaff of the mountains which go before the wind and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Jesus is coming back again—and what will take place when He finds us living in a haste and serving other gods such as; styles, fashions, and decorations. What good will be the excuses, that—we can't go to meeting because we don't have a new suit or a new dress—I must have a new car before the old one is laughed at. There are brethren that are in need, and you have shut up your hand from them. Oh, but God will rebuke you, for we read, "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him," (1 John 3:17). So when we are trying to fulfill the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, you are rushing like the rushing of many waters. But God shall rebuke them and they shall flee far off. Dear friends, let us quit rushing and robbing God, for from Him we get all that we have in this world, even our lives. We should take his money that He enable us to get, and help the work of His cause, and also helping the dear ones that are in need. Then when Christ comes, we will have boldness when we meet Him. But those that are living in a haste, and rushing like the rush of many waters—God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off.

So I will say, in my conclusion, "Watch and Pray, lest ye enter into temptation—that those who are in a rush will stop and think on their way, or God shall rebuke them; then it may be too late to repent."

May God bless the readers of this paper and all to whom it is sent.

Exhortation by, a prisoner,—J. Matthew Thomas

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THE VALUE OF PRAYER AND ITS FOUNDATION

In the fifth chapter of James, and the sixteenth verse, it says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Heb. eleventh chapter, and fourth verse says, "By faith, Able offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts—and by being dead, yet speaketh."

All through God's Book, from the beginning of time to the present day, God has and will answer the prayer of faith from His children; and by the Father's will, His own good time, will send the answer or fulfillment. We can not always see it; but by it, we being dead, yet it speaketh.

Many fathers and mothers have prayed for their children's salvation who have never lived to witness them. But those earnest prayers were answered after they had left the shores of time. So, praying child of God, don't let the devil discourage you because you

fail to see your prayers answered while you live. Have faith in God which is the foundation for prayers.

It was through faith, we understand, that the worlds were formed by the Word of God. The things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. So by the Word of God, and His promises, we expect a fulfillment; and we should not let the enemy beat us out of one thing. He is still at his same old tricks as he was in the garden of Eden—despising God's Word. At this very point, many a faint heart and troubled child of God have lost victories.

There are many who have carried trials to the Lord who have never been acquainted with the ways in which the Lord tries the faith of His children nor led to see and observe His wonderful control over human wills and circumstances. No one can understand the full value of prayer until they first learn the lesson of perfect trust.

The value of prayer, and the power of God, is learned only by those who in deep trouble have faithfully sought Him and seen His ways of deliverance. While others who have failed to get the victory have fainted in well doings when they ought to have trusted God faithfully.

God does no work according to man's will, but by His own will begat He us. I will here relate an experience that I once had with the Lord.

It was in the fall of the year, when that dreadful "flue epidemic" was on, that I was living in Louisville, Ky., and I too took sick. I was working for fifty cents an hour, and did not have steady work—being a painter; the weather would not permit. My small wages must care for my family of seven, and how well I remember that I only earned eighteen dollars that week, my house rent was due in a few days, which amounted to ten dollars. Having no credit, I was obliged to pay cash at the grocery for food.

My children took down sick with the flue, then myself and wife. I was feeling awfully sick, but looked straight to the heavenly Father for their healing. I believe that one of my children had the pneumonia; but God healed all so that they were able to be up.

I finally got badly sick with the pneumonia. In my sick condition, and temporal want, I looked steadfast toward heaven.

Rent grew near, then due. I sent word to the land-lord of my sickness; but he refused—allowing me only three days to get the rent paid. By this time I was badly out of my head most of the time. One day I was thinking of this scripture, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Feeling that God had taken the situation in His hands, I soon found that He had. In a day or so I received a letter in which was inclosed a twenty dollar money order, from a party that lived about one hundred and fifty miles from us. They had never sent me money before or after that time. Then God suddenly healed me and I was able to go to work in a few days.

Here was a case where God did no work according to my will, but did work according to His will. Praise His Name! This one miracle of God is a lasting remembrance to me.

Do not think, dear child of God, that He has forgotten you, nor that He is unable to help you in all your needs; for He WILL.

While in other things I lost a great blessing—but as the saying is, "we live to learn," and it does appear to me that the only life that we can live to please our heavenly Father is a life of perfect trust. It doesn't mean that we should bind ourselves to worldly obligations and comfortable things of this world, then expect God to provide and deliver us. His Word says for us to labor not for the meat which perishes; but for the meat which endures unto eternal life.

The story is told of a sea captain who was a godly man and who trusted in God. His men under him looked upon him as a praying man.

One day at sea, a terrible storm overtook them. It was thought, by the crew, that their lives were going to be lost. They began to pray to God to save them. The captain was not troubled, but only attended to his duty. After the storm was over, the men were wondering why it was that the captain didn't pray. Finally they asked him the reason for not praying. He replied, "Boys, I do my praying in fair weather; and when the storm comes, I only do my part of the job." He did not distrust God any more than in fair weather. That ought to be our business to God when the sea of life is calm and all things going nicely, for, trouble is ahead of the child of God.

Beware of mind religion. There is but one true faith—that of the mind is never the true one. The mind will always lead us to excuse a fault—but heart faith is one of such trust and love and dependence upon God, that whenever a fault arises, the heart goes in penitence, and does according to James 5:16. Do not draw back from any act of faith or prayer which you feel will please God, for it will hinder your needs from the Lord.

When once you have taken a good step, do not retreat. Be an overcomer. It is only cowards that are bluffed. Many wonder why their prayers are not answered at once. One reason is; that the Lord wishes to lead you into a sure and steady experience and a life of faith. But if your needs are immediate, and your faith true, then the answer will be immediate. The Lord will answer all true prayers for our needs, but, prayers of experiment, He will not answer. The time when God answers prayer is never of your choosing. This is one of the greatest hinderances in faith. To limit God to any way or time—you find that your expectations are wrong. In other words you are trying to bring Him to your ways. Remember, God is an exclusive God and His ways are the same.

In conclusion, (Psa. 100.), "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanks-giving, and into our courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

—R. M. Whitehouse

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EDITORIALS

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The old year is gone and the New Year is leaving days and weeks behind, which will soon mean months; and a few months will mean another year. How fast time does fly! While the new year is mostly before us we should see that our armor is well on, and that we have a good grip to the shield of faith, with strength from God in our souls that we may be able to easily swing it about to ward off the fiery darts of the wicked one, who is watching to cripple or slay us if possible.

As we went through many trials and tests the last year and have, or ought to have, learned many lessons that will be of value to us during the present year. Let us watch and pray and be ready to meet the contrary winds that blow, with steadfastness in God; for Satan is not dead, but is gathering force, and is becoming cunning and crafty, as he sees the end approaching. He is deceiving and gathering to his kingdom, many souls, having garbed himself in a robe of righteousness, and hiding under a cloke of church-anity he goes about cunningly and slyly, deceiving the hosts of earth. He sits in the temple of God, showing himself in wonders and signs; causing earthly-set hearts to be amazed and to fear him who is opposing God and His righteous deliverance for man through the Son.

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The printing of the Gospel, here at the Faith Publishing House, is moving on camly and steadily as the Lord makes ways and opens doors. Our hearts are made glad and rejoice as we read letters that bear the Truth—owing to the fact that the printed page is being used, of God, to break Light upon souls, which causes conviction with godly sorrow that brings repen-

tance toward God, and faith in the work of Christ, as completed on Calvary's cross to the saving of, and restoring of the soul.

Others receive light and knowledge on the goodness of God toward them insomuch that their souls are fed and refreshed in the Lord. As the cunning crafty works of Satan are uncovered and revealed, they brighten up their armor and get a firmer grip on heaven and eternal things, and they rejoice greatly and become bold to witness for God and against Satan and his dark deeds.

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Now the aim and decision and workings of God in our soul is to continually send the clear and plain Gospel of Christ out to needy souls every-where, that all may hear and rejoice in the Saviour's love; that the dark misty fogs of Satan may be broken through, revealing Christ and His redeeming love to man who has been over powered by Satan,

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Some of our dear brethren, in a manner or degree, have taken a stand against Gospel papers, having been grieved because of some that have gone wrong. Now, this, we are persuaded is a wrong view of things. It would be wrong to turn the printing all over to Satan, and just let him have sway to influence the multitudes against Light and Truth that is sacred to every child of God. All are bound to admit that the publishing business has a large influence for good or for the bad, according to what is printed. The very fact that some have gone wrong, and are doing great damage, is an argument strongly in favor of supporting and upholding a paper that is putting forth the clean pure Gospel that the Truth may be seen and accepted, rather than the teachings of dark, misty-visioned, editors.

Some other of our brethren, whom we also love and respect, are having a feeling that the saints ought to get together and decide on one paper, and not recognize any other; claiming that we had it that way in the beginning. Yes, we had it that way; but where is that publishing work to-day? Our kin-folks have made a league, having loved this present world. We feel that there is a lesson in this for every saint of God, and that is: We should not do so much deciding in the matters which belong to God; for, "In every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of Him." (Acts 10:35.)

Now, should some decide to recognize only one paper—counting others as not being of God, and withdraw their fellow-ship from them, would not they be making themselves into a sect, cutting themselves off from those whom God's approval and blessings are upon. God will not desert, nor trun away, from a loyal

trusting child, no matter how many men decide against him. A publishing work that is hooked on heaven, through yieldness and prayer, cannot be broken nor stopped by men as long as Christ is on His throne. It seems to us that God is trying to teach His people that they should not form in klans and sects; but rather submit these things to Him and let His Spirit work freely, in every way possible, to get the Gospel to the people; and each one support the publishing work or the minister that is the most clear with the Truth. The one that is feeding your soul, and giving you encouragement, is the one for you to hold up; for Paul says, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things; is it a great thing if we reap your carnal things?" So we see by this scripture that Paul taught those who were receiving spiritual help, to give of their carnal, or temporal, supplies to those whom God was thus using. If men and women cease to give through the rules of men and because of other fears, but give according to the prescription of the apostle Paul, the work would prosper more in the world, and the clear Gospel would go forth much quicker and faster to the many needy souls.

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We are not envious of those that have a like calling to this kind of work; but we pray that God will raise up "more" to print the pure Gospel, and send it out to the great mass of unbelieving souls, because: Nearly all men are listening to the lies of Satan, giving heed to doctrines of devils, being overcome by the powers of darkness, and blinded by the gods of this world. So let us each be active in the calling wherein He has called us, whether by speaking the Word orally, or whether it be printing the Truth and broadcasting it to all nations. If we are called as a teacher; let us wait on our teaching. If we are called as a pastor; let us follow that. If we are called as a helper; let us be diligent in that, for; we shall all receive a lasting reward for faithfully fulfilling the will of God in that which He has called us to do. If the man that was given the one talent had been faithful in using it to please God, he would have heard the words, "Enter thou into the joys of the Lord," along with the other two that proved faithful. So our reward is not given because of the amount of talent; but according to the faithfulness with that which is given. If a man that was given the five talents had not been faithful, using them to the glory of God, he would have heard the words, "Thou wicked and slothful servant—." So whatsoever we do, whether it be little or much; let us do all to the glory of God.

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We do not know of a time, in the past history, when there was more doctrines and isms taught. Surely, Satan has multiplied himself in this evening-time, with a purpose of confusing and capturing precious souls that ought to be saved, and enjoying the soul rest that only faith in Christ can give. While these confusing elements and spirits are doing their deadly work; God, our Father, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, is continually sending forth the true Gospel in no uncertain terms, declaring to the people that Jesus

is the way, the truth and the life; that His work was completed on the cross for our soul's salvation; that the Blood that was without spot atones for our sins; making us innocent before our righteous Father, who has fully and freely given us eternal life.

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We know that much of the literature sent out is the work of Satan, to bind and damn souls in hell, and a lot more that seems pleasant and good to eat, is "down-right compromise with the devil." Many are taking this bait, are becoming luke warm, and at ease in Zion, living for the present; who will reap what they sow.

We mean, and have deep settled decisions, to continue right on printing and sending out the pure Gospel, that is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The devil can roar and bring giants before us; but we know in whom we trust. He can get heads together, form klans, and make sects; but we know that the word of the Lord is not bound. They may build a pen and take a man or men for their god or gods, make a big show in the flesh; yet our God is still a God of love and faithfulness, and will hear and answer the cries of His trusting children. He will not be moved by the actions of men; but will continue faithful, in warning and teaching the clear Truth, with much patience and long-suffering, forbearing with mercy and love.

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We do not fellow-ship lawfied preaching, that quenches the smoking flax and breaks the bruised reed. Under the law it was THOU SHALT, THOU SHALT, and if they broke the law, they were stoned to death. It seems that some have the spirit of the law in their hearts; ready to stone to death. But Jesus said, when He came, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Thus, we obey Him because our hearts are filled with His love; and not through fear of being stoned to death by the compelling power of those who would Lord it over God's heritage.

We know that there are many spirits gone out into the world that seek ministers, and puff them up and inflate them in-so-much, that they will take no teaching, nor will they receive any admonition from a Bro. that loves them with godly love. These are the spirits that strive, and are contentious, take sides with disputants, causing divisions and separations, which give place to envy, strife, and hatred; where they ought to make peace and harmony. They cause trouble, drawing away disciples after them, calling it the Church of God. Let us watch and resist these spirits steadfastly in the faith, and act a mediator with love and mercy—point souls to Christ, who will draw them to Him and to one-another.

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Bro. Robert Longley, who went to California with the intention of sailing to Australia, has been delayed because of the need of certain endorsements. He is waiting patiently, and says that God is giving him calmness in his soul about these things, and that he is just waiting for God to open up the way and let Him

move on, or stay, as His will may be. He has just attended the Fresno, Calif. State Assembly-meeting, and says that in many respects it was a good meeting.

We have received a letter from Bro. Wesley Armstrong of 911 E. 4th Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak., telling us that he still has some of those little booklets, entitled, "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Gift of Tongues." Those who want them can send to his address, and receive the same.

We have a supply of booklets, entitled, "God's Never Failing promises." These books are written and printed by A. Sims. They contain twenty-eight pages of reading matter, are neatly bound with heavy paper cover, and will be sent to you from this office, at 15 cents each, post paid. You ought to read this book for the increasing of your faith.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY MEETING

There will be an Assembly Meeting held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning Feb. the 21st, to last as long as the Lord leads. All are invited to come. Prepare to care for yourselves as much as possible.

For particulars write to D.J. Diggs, 1301 W. Grand, or to R. A. Talley 507 N. Laird St.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

P. S. If you can not come; please pray for the success of the meeting.

THOUGHTS BY IONE E. ROBBINS

"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose," (Rom. 8:28).

Now, we are all running in this Christian race, but only one wins the prize. So says Paul in 1 Cor. 9:24. Now, the one that wins the prize is the one that is in Christ Jesus. And all who are in Christ Jesus are ONE. So all who are in Christ Jesus are running as one man; they all see eye to eye, all speak the same thing, and all eat of the same spiritual bread. They have all things common, which means, plain clothes and plain food, without superfluity or hypocrisy. They all keep step with Jesus, and mind not earthly things, for they are spiritual, and their minds are above. And in Christ Jesus there is neither male or female; but as are the angels in Heaven; for, all who are in Christ are sitting in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6). Yes, and it is right here in this world, and when they have accomplished that whereunto they were called; they have won the race, and henceforth there is laid up for them a crown of glory that fadeth not away, (1 Pet. 5:4). And in Rev. 3, 11. we are told to hold fast that no man takes it from us.

This race is a spiritual race, and the prize is a spiritual prize, given by a spiritual Judge to all who love His appearing.

The change that takes place at death, is; moving out of this old house of clay into our new ones, not made with hands; eternal in the heavens; preadventure

we will have made ready, not found naked, but clothed upon. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there you may be also in my Father's house are many mansions,—." I can imagine these mansions are our spiritual houses.

"But all whose names are not found in the Lamb's book of Life, will be cast into the lake of fire—." This is the provision that the devil makes for his subjects; and the only covering which he provides is already kindled here in this world. I have observed its manifestations in the outward appearance of many. They have already been so seared with the fire of condemnation, that nothing will move them. They are already dead; twice plucked up by the roots. They are carelessly drifting along with the tide of sin, professing to know God, yet following the traditions of men; thereby deceiving their own souls—how sad, how terrible.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace in the Holy Ghost." Neither is it in word; but in POWER and demonstration of the Spirit, (1 Cor. 4:20).

In 1 Cor. 9:24, Paul tells how to run to win the prize: and again in Phil. 3:14, 15, 16; he speaks about it.

REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY AT GUTHRIE

The State Assembly meeting, of the "Church of God," was held at this place during the holidays, lasting ten days. There were about twelve ministers, from this state and other states, here to give and receive as God worked amongst and through them to the edifying and unifying of the body of Christ.

The ministers who came, brought with them peace, good will, and Christ-likeness which mixed and mingled freely with the prevailing spirit of the home congregation. This unity insured and gave us a heavenly meeting from the beginning to the end.

This assembly meeting was the best in years. Harmony, peace, and unity, in the Spirit, were manifested. The word went forth with power, anointing from heaven, and with much love and mercy on the faltering ones—and by this, the Holy Ghost had freedom in operation to the glory of God and for the good of souls. One elderly Bro. (while the presence of the Lord was lowered in sweetness and bliss) cried out, "Is this heaven, or do we look for another?" We saw very little manifestations of the lawfied, and fanatical spirit that stirs up trouble and discord in the camp of the saints; yet all who wanted to hear, or could hear, heard the plain Bible truth, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

There was quite a number who received pardon and forgiveness of sins, and still more sanctified. Others received definite healing of their bodies.

On the last night of the meeting, the Lord used Bro. O. B. Wilson, of Shawnee, Okla., to bring forth a message for the unsaved. At the close of the service the altar was full of seekers; and a number were calling upon God for help and deliverance. It was precious to see faces lighten up with a heavenly witness of sins forgiven.

On Friday after-noon, before the close of the meeting, the saints held a business session. Bro. D. J. Diggs, our state secretary, of Oklahoma City, gave a good report concerning the state Camp-meeting-grounds at that place. His books showed that the saints were much interested in their property, in that city, and had been sending in funds to meet the obligations which were due, to the encouragement of the saints in the city and especially so those who had to meet in person, our creditors.

There were quite a number of plans discussed concerning the raising of funds to pay off the whole debt. It was easy to see, according to the plans given by Bro. Lounds, that by a little purposing on the part of the saints throughout the state, that the debt could easily be paid this year.

It was decided, that the camp-meeting, this coming year, would begin on the first Friday in August, at the state grounds in Oklahoma City.

The home report, of the state's business, at Guthrie, was also encouraging. The books showed that all debts had been paid—all the creditors had paid their debts in full, leaving the books clear.

We also wish to report that the assembly for this year has met all expenses through free-will offerings, besides this, there was given in, over seventy dollars which was divided with the ministers.

Nearly all who came to the meeting expressed their delight in being here and spoke of the many good things that they received while waiting before God and hearing the Word preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The good of a meeting like this cannot be measured with dollars and cents as the earthly things can be measured.

So with much good feeling, and heart love, the saints parted, going to their respective places of labor, being encouraged to fight the battle on, against Satan and his hosts, who are defeated by the blood of the Lamb of God.

In holy love, —Fred Pruitt.

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AT THE FORK OF THE ROAD THE HOUR
OF DECISION

Romans 10th—8-9-10-11.

8th "But what saith it?" that is "What saith you?" The word is nigh thee even in thy mouth and in thy heart. That is the word of faith which we preach.

9th. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God had raiseth Him from the dead, thou shall be saved."

10th. For with the heart man believeth unto *righteousness*; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

11th. For the Scripture saith, "Whosoever believeth in Him shall not be ashamed."
(The Road That Leads Home.)

The three great principles involved in becoming a Christian is; hearing, believing, and confessing.

Hear what Hear the Gospel preached; hear the word of God; hear the truth; "For the truth will make you free," saith one.

Believe what? Believe in Jesus Christ with all thy heart, soul, and mind, and thou shalt be saved.

Confess what? Confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God; who has power and will save to the utmost all who put their trust in Him.

Now let us compare the three great inner principles involved in becoming a Christian. The first desiring, thinking, and acting.

Desiring is the inner principle of hearing, for as we hear the word of God, we desire to know more of His love and will concerning us. Thinking is almost the inner principle of believing, for as we believe in God and His power to save we begin to think and so the Scripture says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is." So when we begin to think sincerely of our soul's welfare we have then counted the first mile post on the road that leads to Heaven." Likewise if a man thinks right he will act right, for action is the crowning principle of them all and coupled up with confession it makes known to the world the mighty works of God wrought in the souls of men.

15th. 1 Psalms.

And as the Psalmist asked these words of the Lord, "Lord, who shall abide in Thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy Holy Will?" the answer was, "*He that worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.*"

"*Sad will be the day for any man who when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is now living; with the thoughts he is thinking; and the deeds he is doing; when there is not forever beating at the door of his soul some great desire to do something better and larger for which he knows that he was meant and made to do, because he is a child of God.*"

—Philip Brooks.

"The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew it would never be found out."

"If you wish your neighbors to see what God is like, let them see what He can make you like."

—Charles Kingsley.

"It is not by searching thou canst find out God; it is by following Him."

—Matheson.

"None could tell me where my soul might be; I searched for God, but God eluded me, I sought my brother out and found all three."

—Ernest Crosby.

"Cowardice asks, is it safe?"

"Experience asks, is it polite?"

"Vanity asks, is it popular?"

"But conscience asks, is it right?"

—Wm. Punshon.

"Heaven is truth seen in time. Hell is truth seen too late."

—Anon.

Hence we are none perfect but all of us are subject to mistakes in life, and as an endless chain

that leads from the cradle to the grave; through mistakes and misunderstanding by falling and rising, yielding and conquering, dying but not dead, we reach the summit of life's perfection and some day "When the mist shall roll away in that fair and better land we will understand."

C. C. Smith.

HOW TO BE PEACEFUL IN CHRIST

1. Do the surging doubts and fears sometimes get inside and cause you to be moved from your place of quiet trustfulness?

2. Are you in a position where the continual strain of circumstances or work makes you restless and nervous?

3. Do the actions of persons or the management of affairs disturb your communion with God.

Beloved, you never would know the real peace of God unless you were in the midst of disturbing elements, for it is a peace which the world cannot give.

There is one little word that comprises the whole question: Where are you centered? No matter how fast the wheel goes around, the center of the hub is perfectly still. The only place where there is no vibration is in the heart of Christ. You must get in the center of Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." (Isa. 26:3.) The reason that doubts and troublous fears beset you and stay around you is because you allow them, for even a moment, to be entertained in your thought. Reject them, not by will-effort, but by bringing in the thought of Jesus.

Center your trust in Him. If circumstances are pressing; if friends are few; if work is above your strength,—remember not only the name of Jesus, but the power of that name. "Whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." (Isa. 26:3.)

In an unconverted person's life, peace is kept by outward tranquillity. In the life of a child of God, peace is kept by the inward abiding of Christ.

We can trust Him; for we know that He is above all surroundings or difficult service.

Center your circumstances in Him. How? By committing them to Him, not only once for all, "but in everything" (as it comes), "by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving" (because He takes what you commit), "let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God—shall garrison your hearts and minds." (Phil. 4:3,7.) Nothing then can happen but what He permits; and if He wants it, need we feel anxious?

Center your love in Him. People, ways, and plans disturb us when they cross our plans and the way we like to have things. This disturbance shows that we are centered in ourselves rather than in Him. "Great peace have they which love Thy law: and they shall have no stumbling block." (Psa. 119:165), marg. Jesus is the fulfilled law of God; and if we love Jesus first and best, nothing can annoy or stumble us.

How can we center, and keep centered our thought, our trust, our circumstances, and our love on Him a-

lone? Praise God! He does it. See Isa. 26:12: "Lord, Thou wilt ordain peace for us; for Thou also hast wrought all our works in us." Oh, the rest and peace that come when we do not have to try to be quiet and peaceful, but drop back into the center of the wrought-out peace of God! Then, indeed, it is the "PEACE, PEACE," and it "passeth all understanding."

—L. S. P.

"TRY ME"

"All things work together for good to them that love God," (Rom. 8:28).

So God tries us, proves us, and establishes us. It is not by a quick process. "He shall sit, as a Refiner and Purifier of silver." He sits down to His work, He takes plenty of time. He will wait years with you over a single lesson, if you make Him do so, or He will get you through it at once, if you are willing to take the quicker process and the hotter.

How touching is the love that will take so much trouble with all these little matters. No wonder that Job should say, "Lord, what is man, that Thou shouldst magnify him? And that Thou shouldst visit him every morning and try him every moment!"

Yes, every moment, the great Refiner is waiting to add some new thought to your strength and beauty and fit you for a higher place in His eternal life. We are so prone to think that these things which come to us are accidents, incidents, mishaps or personal injuries from personal hands; but, after awhile, we learn that His hand is above every hateful blow. You get up in the morning and find everything wrong in the kitchen and in the dining-room, and you say, "Oh, it is that cook; it is that wretched stove." It is the Lord trying you and proving you. You come down to your place of business, and find things wrong in your store, and you say, "Oh, it is that careless porter." No, it is the Lord trying and proving you. You open your mail, you expect a check according to a promise from some person, it is not there. You say, "Oh, it is this dishonest or unprincipled man." No, it is the Lord trying and proving your faith. You meet a friend, the very one that you look to for help and comfort, and something happens to try you more keenly, and everything in your life seems to become a source of annoyance. You say, "Oh, it is the inconsiderateness of others." No; it is the Lord showing you something burned away.

And so He comes to you every moment, as Job says, in you that is wrong, and that He wants to have it "from morning to night," if you would understand life, as He does, you would see nothing but God; and as you meet Him in everything, you would see nothing but God's ever presence, and every unfriendly blow would be warded off, and against every fiery dart you would have a shield of faith that nothing can pierce, and out of every storm you would shout with the great apostle, "None of these things move me." Beloved, they will come until they don't move you.

—A. B. S.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

LET US SHINE

Arise and shine for night is come,
And souls in darkness fall;
Would you so heedless hide thy light,
While those in danger call?

He loved them all, and shed His blood,
That sin-sick souls be freed;
Would you neglect the Master's call,
While they your efforts need?

Take up thy light and let it shine,
For fierce the billows roar;
That those whose souls are tempest-tost,
May pilot safe to Shore.

—By Walter Quinn

Utica, Pa.—Dear children: This is Christmas morning, the day which we celebrate as the birthday of our loving Lord. It is the day in which our hearts go out in love to others; and with that love, we give useful gifts to them that are in need.

We are manifesting the same love that prompted our kind heavenly Father to give to us His only Son to die for us that we may be happy in this short life and through-out a long bright eternity.

Dear children, we can never be truly happy in this life without the love of Jesus in our hearts and no one can be as happy as we that know, love, and serve the dear Lord, and to us everything looks beautiful: I mean of God's humble work. Surely we cannot admire the shameful and disgraceful styles of the world, and them that know not God. My prayer is that God will put a real dislike in your young hearts for them—I refer to the styles—not the dear ones that the enemy is deceiving. Yes, we pity and pray for them, knowing where the love of the world will lead.

Dear children, let us pray much for them that they turn to the dear Lord and walk in the beautiful, plain, and narrow-way. He teaches in His word that; His ways are ways of pleasantness, and His path is the path of peace; and that joy and gladness is in each heart that knows and loves Him.

My heart truly swells with praise to Him that loves us; as I look out upon the pure fast falling snow which is covering our earth with a beautiful carpet; such as none but the Divine hand could spread. Oh, dear children, where can we go, or which way can we look without seeing something to praise the dear Lord for.

I was glad to learn, dear sister Pruitt, that some of the dear lambs, from which we have been hearing from both through letter and the Faith and Victory, are to attend the Gospel feast at Guthrie, which begins to-day. Oh, how I would love to be there to see your

smiling faces and hear you witness for the Lord that saved you, to also pray for you and with the dear ones that want to know the blessed Lord, that they too would become happy in His love. Yours', dear children, in His love,
Aunt Loey McKay.

Richmond, Mo.—My dear brothers and sisters: I am a reader of the blessed little paper, called, "Faith and Victory," and oh, how I do love it. I love to read the letters of the people who love Jesus. I love Jesus too and am so happy in Him. Blessed be the Name of our Lord and Savior.

I am a girl fifteen years old; and Jesus has been my Savior since I was a baby. I trust that I will always be found doing something that will be pleasing to Him.

I am a cripple and I am found in my wheel-chair, still I let my light shine for Him. Amen. Hallelujah, how I love and praise Him.

I love to get letters and write them. Will some of the brothers and sisters write to me?

I am praying for you and wish you all the prosperity that this world can afford you. A child of God.
—Minnie Brown

Tullahoma, Tenn.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Will write you a few lines to let you know that I am serving the Lord and want to do more for Him

I want some tracts. I received some last winter including the Faith and Victory; and would like to have some more.

Sister Pruitt, I love to work for God. I want you to write to me. I wrote to you before I turned back, but have gotten in touch with God again and I want to do His will.

Mamma is as well as she was when I was writing you. I guess she is feeling better for she is doing the work now.

We are having prayer-meeting twice a week and sometimes more.

I guess I had better close for this time. Answer soon and a long letter. Your sister in Christ,

—Mary Huffman.

Burnside, Pa.—Dear friends: I am a little girl eight years old and have a testimony for the Lord.

One day, I was up on an awfully steep hill with my grandpa. We started to come down the hill and I thought I would run a little piece. The farther I run the faster I got to going; and I fell. I lit fair on my head and turned clean over. Grandpa thought my neck was broken. I looked and saw the Lord close by. I know He saved my life. Oh, what a pretty man He is. I'll praise Him for evermore.

Pray for me, that I ever be true to Him.

This is my first year in school when I wrote this letter. Love to all,
—Miss Mayme Wright.

CORRESPONDENCE

Denton, Md.—I feel that it would be to the glory of God to give my testimony to the readers of, "Faith and Victory."

About twelve years ago I was down in sin and affliction. I was beyond human aid. I had been suffering with a terrible nervous disease of which I could scarcely get any rest, day or night, for about a year. My nerves were very sensitive, and caused me extreme suffering. I also suffered greatly with my eyes, and could not bear the light at times. I wore glasses constantly for nine years. I spent money for help from physicians but grew worse. I began to feel that I was in the jaws of death and did not want my soul lost. I also believed God was able to heal me. I obeyed Jas. 5:14th verse, and I was saved and healed by the power of God. Praise His Name! Two months later I was sanctified wholly. Glory to God.

For the last twelve years I have had but very little sickness, and I have been a living witness for Him in soul and body. He keeps me well and strong. I am able to do hard work, the which I could not do before. I also left my glasses off, and have no use for them since. I am now able to read the finest print. Oh, glory to God, it pays to trust Him for our bodies as well as our souls. I truly praise Him for the victory He gives me.

I find it pays to ask God for protection against disease and accident and sin and to head the devil off. We know that the devil cannot touch us without God's consent. Glory to God: I have found Him more than a match for the devil in every way. He is my refuge and my strength. I can say with the Psalmist, "He forgiveth my iniquities and heals all my diseases." Praise His Name. Yours in Christ,

—R. C. Noble.

Jennings, Okla.—I feel led of the Lord to write my testimony to His glory.

On the morning of October 13th, before day-light, I got up with the intention of taking a load of cotton to town. I was not feeling very well, but thought I would pray on my way and believe the Lord would heal me. On my way to town I was praying, but grew worse until my way looked like I should go no farther. I was then four miles from home. The pains became so great at this time that I could do but little praying. I layed back upon the cotton for an hour or more. Finally a man came by in a car, and I told him that I was sick, and asked him if he would go to my brother and tell him to come and get me. The man told my brother and he came to get me. He asked me to get off the wagon but I was unable. Agreeing in prayer, the Lord gave me strength to get off the wagon and into the car. He then took me home.

They prayed for me several times, but I would only get a relief. I had what is called the gallstone trouble.

One of the neighbors told my brother that unless we would get a doctor, I would die. I thank God that we have One who heals all manner of diseases.

The saints continued to pray, and on the second or third day, about eleven o'clock, the Lord healed me instantly, and to Him I give all the praise and glory.

I am saved and sanctified and encouraged to live for the Lord.

—John Miles

Frankfort, Ky.—Dear sister and brother in Christ. I have been reading the Faith and Victory paper, and it is a real feast to my soul.

I am glad to tell you that I have been saved and sanctified wholly for thirty years, and am so happy in the Saviour's love to-day. His love is flooding my soul, and oh, He has been so dear to me every day. He is my Saviour, sanctifier, healer, and keeper.

I haven't taken a dose of medicine for thirty years. God has given me the gift of healing, and many have been healed by the laying on of hands, prayer, and anointing with oil in the name of our blessed Lord. Amen. Some who the doctors have given up have been healed by the Lord; and are now making a good living for their family and have started with Jesus.

I would love to be in a good revival. Pray for me.

I enjoy the Faith and Victory paper so much—continue sending it.

—N. V. Brumback

Greenville, Ohio—Dear ones: May the Lord bless you all and keep you on fire for Him. This leaves us saved and enjoying the blessings from above.

It is wonderful what the Lord has done and is doing for us. I just finished reading your paper which came yesterday. If everyone is living just the way they write—I can truly say that they are God's children.

I have gotten so much good out of the little paper that I desire you would continue sending it to us.

Please pray for us, that we do all that God's word demands us to do. We ought to pray more for one another. As I read what Sister Stephen wrote, I thought, oh, if everyone would just take warning and stop and think before they say anything about a brother or sister, what would Jesus do—there would not be much back-biting one another, and judging and condemning one another also. May God help us to be more like Jesus, always doing those things which please Him, that we will not be ashamed when Jesus comes with His ten thousand angles—and His coming will be soon.

Most holy love. —Mrs. and Mr. Rapp

Silverdale, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting you once more in the precious name of Jesus. May the dear Lord abundantly bless and encourage your precious hearts in your labors of love and service for Him.

I am encouraged this morning to press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I praise the dear Lord this morning for salvation. Oh, when I think back of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five, which has just closed, I truly went through some deep water, but Jesus went with me every step of the way. On the twentyth day of January,

1925, my dear husband was called to his reward, and many have been the perplexing problems since—but in every trial Jesus so wonderfully comforted me.

Oh, how I praise Him this morning for victory over all the powers of sin and the devil. We are surely living in perilous times and if it were not for Jesus, there would be nothing to enjoy in this world. My heart is truly filled with praises to Him for this wonderful plan of salvation; and it being a free gift, all can enjoy it if they only want it. How few that will really accept it—sad sad indeed.

My heart was made to rejoice when I read the last issue of the Faith and Victory, that Bro. Longley had launched out on the great harvest field. May the Lord abundantly bless him for his faithfulness. I would to God there were more like him. Am also glad the Lord has supplied another one for the office work. May the Lord richly reward him and keep him faithful is my sincere prayer.

I sincerely trust you had a rich harvest of souls during the assembly meeting.

I will now close, with much Christian love, and wish you a very happy and prosperous New-year.

—*Sister Amanda Shaffer.*

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Russellville, Ark.—Dear ones: Greeting in Jesus name. May the Lord continue His blessings upon you. And His blessings mean everything needful: Life, Light, health, strength, love, mercy, judgment, faith, humility, and meekness.

Then His blessings include; food and raiment and other necessary temporal things. Paul said that the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, yet in a sense it seems everything to God's children.

I love to think of His mercy and forbearance during my past life of ignorance and shame. I like to think of His salvation that delivered me from such a life; then of His forbearance while I was with and of, such as have need of milk, and strong meat; then of the gleam of Light that set me to hungering and thirsting for Him; then of the promise to them who hunger and thirst; then of that "peace like a river flowing so deep in my soul."

All honor and glory, thanksgiving and praise, to our God. The God over all we see, or that the senses may perceive—and yet He said that He would be our God, and we should be His people. Praise our God!

Yours in hope, —*V. M. Threlkeld.*

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Grove City, Fla.—Beloved in the Lord: I received your precious letter with the offering some time ago, and just now able to acknowledge your gift and letter. You dear folks are the Elect of the Lord and there is no possible way to measure the great good you are accomplishing in His Name. Precious Name! Take Jesus out of our lives and the world could not be lived in. If folks would only come to Him and take Him as their Saviour, what a glorious and happy time we would have shouting His praises!

We have much to be thankful for every day, but our hearts are burdened for lost souls. Fifteen children right near us and not one will come to any of our

Sunday school services. The mothers and fathers do not care. Few are concerned about their soul—in fact many of them do not know that they have a soul. Sometimes we feel that we were at a standstill in our work, and that the Father just wants us to be quiet and let Him work. We see so much sadness and despair, but sin abounds. Sunday, the woods resounded with the many hunting parties and the bay was full of boats with fishing parties. No time for God!

Yes, indeed, God's Word is full of precious promises and we see many of them fulfilled almost every day. Many of our prayers are answered before they are uttered. Praise the Lord! We cannot live without much prayer. We are so thankful that you are praying for us and this work for Jesus. "O Lord God, Thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness and Thy mighty hand," (Deut. 3:24).

We can use a few tracts, but not many of one kind. Wife has to write letters for some of these people and read them too.

We continue to pray for you all, and we look forward to that glorious time when we shall meet beyond the River. In the service of the King of Kings,

—*F. Irving Bond.*

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Hennessey, Okla.—I am glad to-day to write my testimony in the Faith and Victory paper.

I am glad to-day that I am still saved and living for the Lord—up to all I know and understand which gives victory in my soul, over the power of the enemy. I am still trusting the Lord for both soul and body.

On my way from the Guthrie assembly meeting I took seriously sick, and seemed almost unto death. We stopped the car and the saints gathered about me and prayed for me. The dear Lord healed me instantly. Praise His precious Name. He will on the road-side also.

Pray for me that I stay connected with heaven so that my prayers will always get thorough. From your sister in Christ,

—*Annie Wiley.*

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Natchitoches, La.—Dear ones in Christ: Greeting in Jesus dear name.

To-day finds me rejoicing in thee Saviour's love, and victory in my soul.

I have been saved one year. Before getting saved I was sick eight years. I spent many dollars for doctor fees and medicine. Since that time, one year ago, in Hennessey, I got saved, trusted in the Lord and He healed my body and made me strong, both spiritually and physically. Now I do all my work and need no doctor and his medicine.

Praise the Lord, I have power to pray for the sick. I don't feel ashamed now, to kneel by the bed-side and pray for the sick. My prayers are always answered. My intention is to go and keep the faith.

I lived a sinner's life a long time before I saw the Light. I thought I had to keep the good will of the church—now, I belong to God, and not to the church. I answer no more to roll call in the church, beg no more pardon of the church—but I will answer when the Saviour calls for me.

—*Mary Shannon*

Bosky Dell, Ill.—Dear readers of the Faith and Victory: I feel like saying a word for Jesus through the good paper.

I thank God because He can heal all afflictions.

This morning, after my husband had gone to work, my heart got to beating so fast I could hardly stand it. I had it once before, so I knew just what to do. I called my children and told them to kneel. I prayed and, praise the Lord, it wasn't five minutes until it was beating right.

O, if mothers would only kneel with their children, and put faith in their hearts, instead of getting the paint box and curling-iron and going to the show, leading their young lives to everlasting punishment. If I knew that my little girl and boys would turn out to live such a life as some are living—I would gladly give them all up while they are little—and know that they are safe. People don't look at the sins of a boy like they do a girl—but there is an "all seeing eye" that does. It is just as bad in the sight of God—sin is sin.

I am so glad that God has showed me a new way. I was saved at home. I never joined a church. I have faith in healing, and believe in holiness, for God is holy.

I want the prayers of the Christian people, that I may become stronger in the Lord and that I will raise my children to live in the Light of the Lord, and that my husband and other kindred get saved.

Thanking you for the little "Faith and Victory."
—Lillie Miller

Lincoln, Ark.—Dear readers of the Faith and Victory: I am praising God this morning for His much goodness to me and His many blessings on my soul. I am praising Him for His healing power, and the precious Blood that cleanses from all sin.

I hope that some day I will be like Him; and he that hath this hope purifieth himself even as He is pure. Praise the Lord! Pray for me.

—Z. D. Douthit

Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, Germany—"He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me," (Matt. 10:38).

Please excuse me that I molest you. I am a poor German merchant and yet very rich, for I have my Saviour.

One day, I got this sheet which I enclose and what I could hear of it, was a good confession. I am certainly glad, because it is from America. I could not read all of it, but the meaning of it.

Now I thought I would write on the address, for you would understand me best. I have learned the English language in school. I consider myself perfect in the practical part of the English language.

I have yet no one in America who could write to me once, but you will oblige me infinitely perhaps, and sacrifice for me some minutes to write a letter in English. I have had a favorable opportunity to learn the English conversation, which is very dearly.

I have yet only my mother, father, brothers and sisters. This is a lesson for a mother, "when all learn

in order to earn bread."

I think you can write me a letter in the English language. I think you should not be left unrewarded for this work of charity.

I have in mind to come to America. Perhaps I can come commercially there, for I am at a good prime. I remain yours truly,
—Eugen Schmepp.

Delaware, Mo.—Dear saints at Faith Pub. House: I greet you to-day in the dear name of Jesus.

I am glad to get the little paper, "Faith and Victory." It surely is good, and I want it to keep coming to me. It is soul food, encouragement, and uplifting. May God bless you in your good little work, and keep you on the forward move and supply all your needs.

To-day finds me saved and a decision to go all the way with Jesus. I have been in this way for twenty years and trusted God for soul and body. I want to say to God's glory—that He never failed me in time of trouble or sickness. I have been healed many times. Some were severe cases—one of very bad rheumatism, of gall stone—a very large one, measuring three and one half inches one way and four and one half inches the other—a growth in my neck which the doctor called "hard cancer," before I knew anything about God.

I had this disease in my neck on one side, had the knots taken out by medicine; causing an awful suffering and left a terrible scar. Since I have been trusting God for the healing of the same disease and it came on the other side. I was anointed and prayed for, and the Lord healed me. How much better it is to trust God. Praise His holy Name forever! Your sister in Christ,
—Lizzie Harper.

Pryor, Okla.—Nearly fifty years ago, when I was wandering in the dark wilderness of sin, lost and hopeless, Jesus found me, and I let Him come into my heart and life. Since then I have been walking on heaven's side of the Cross.

"Tell me not of earthly losses,
Or of burdens hard to bear.
For I've found this great salvation
Makes each burden light appear.
And I love to follow Jesus:
Gladly counting all as dross,
Earthly honors all forsaking
For the glory of the Cross."

And now I try to make it the chief purpose of my life to ever be looking unto Jesus. I have found it most blessed to "take the name of Jesus" with me in all the various walks of life. It has kept me safely from many snares and pitfalls that I might have fallen into along the wayside.

A line of an old song says, "You may take all this world, but give me Jesus." This is the language of my heart to-day. Christ within, and the hope of glory, is incomparable in value to everything else that I can think of. I want to live nearer to Jesus than ever, for I feel very sure that we are living in the "perilous last times." Anyway, my time here is short, as I have passed my seventy-fifth mile-stone in the great

journey of life, and "the crossing is nearer."

I have been writing many letters to the shut-in and afflicted class of people in every state and Canada. Every-where, over the lands of the earth, among all tribes and nations, are many aching hearts, longing for words of hope and cheer, some of whom have waited, O, so long, perhaps thinking that no one cared for them. To these dear souls, I tell of Jesus and His great love for them, and how they may have real abiding help and cheer now, and eternal joy and happiness by loving and trusting in His grace and mercy.

The helpful deeds and loving words of hope and cheer that are passed on to others, that they may have a brighter day, are some of the beautiful roses of this life that will never fade or wither, but will bloom forever along the banks of the River of Life, in yonder world of joy and glory. We should write to the others, that the holy angels can sing upon their golden harps, as they see the loving deeds done, and the words spoken in Jesus name and for His dear sake.

I live alone and am a shut-in part of the time with asthma and rheumatism. I read my Bible, pray, and write letters. I have joy in meditating on the Word, and loving and trusting Jesus.

I wonder if some of the dear brothers and sisters would write me?

May Jesus ever be with and bless you all, and may we meet at last in glory. Your Christian Bro.,
--W. E. Smith.

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Kunnamkulam, S. Malabar, India—Dear Bro. and sister in the Lord, Greeting in the precious name of Jesus.

Received your kind letter with the money-order. Thank you for your kindness toward me. May God bless you and all who took part in the collection.

God hears His children cry. He is faithful to His promises. We are trusting wholly in the Lord through the financial and other fiery trials that are attending us continually.

We have much peace in the Lord and in His word. I have determined since long ago to walk in His truth at any cost. It has been about twenty-eight years that I have been in the Lord. I am enjoying peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. What a privilege it is to be in Christ.

Some are getting interested in the Truth here. They want the Truth often, so we have six meetings a week, besides the Sunday school which is on Sunday morning. God is blessing the meeting. Those who come to the meetings, wish to come continually.

The sect preacher and priest are preventing the people from coming to the meetings by misrepresenting us and the work. They wish to destroy us and the work. There are some young men, here, who try to do all they can to destroy us by writing, speaking, and etc. But God is with us, and that is enough and more. Pray for us and the work. —K. V. Cherian

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

And my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, (Jer. 31:14).

The above promise was made through Jeremiah, one of God's prophets, when He promised through him, to send Jesus, His only begotten Son into this world to redeem His people from all sin. Every one of His children can say from the depth of their hearts, that they have found this promise to be true. Glory hallelujah! We are all satisfied with His goodness; in other words, we are satisfied with the good things He has for us and satisfied to be as near like Jesus as He can make us in this life. Oh, bless His matchless Name. The fleeting perishable things of this old sin-cursed world no longer satisfies us. We are no longer satisfied to try to be like the world, with all of its forms and fashions. Our only desire is to conform to God's way and will. Oh, brother and sister, is it not a wonderful thing to be satisfied with the goodness of God? Do we appreciate this wonderful blessing as we should? Let us repeat it again just as it came from God through Jeremiah, *And my people shall be satisfied with my goodness.* Let us meditate on it just a short time. Let us weigh it carefully. Let us analyze it and see if we can imagine just what such a precious promise does mean to God's people. I don't think we can weigh it too heavy or magnify it too great. Oh, brother and sister, are we not better satisfied with the goodness of God than we would be with ten thousand old worlds like this laid at our feet and at our command? The more we learn about His goodness the sweeter the way grows and the more determined we are to press on to the end and receive the good things He has laid up for us in the "never ending life." Let us all praise God continually for His goodness to us.

Dear reader, do you know any thing about what it is to be satisfied with the goodness of God? Have you tried Him out on this precious promise? Do you know just what it is to be satisfied with all the good blessings of God, that He has for His children in this life? Do you know anything about satisfied with wanting to be more like Jesus? If you don't, you don't know a thing about joy, peace, and satisfaction, for the things of this world can all be taken away from you in a moment of time if God sees fit. They will all bring disappointment, sorrow, and heart-aches. If they do bring any joy or satisfaction, it is only momentary. They will do you no good in the life to come; you must leave them all behind. They won't be one bit of satisfaction to you in your last hour of life. If you could gain this whole world and everyones' friendship and could imitate every form and fashion of this world perfectly, it would be no satisfaction when you are pressing that death-pillow, for God's word says, "Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the

wrath of the Lord, (Ezekiel 7:19), and dear reader, neither can your worldly loved ones, kindred, and friends deliver you from the wrath of God. They can praise you ever so much in this life, telling you that you are pretty, smart, up to date, brag on you for having laid up some wealth in this world, and telling you up to the last hour that you will be saved, but dear ones that will not deliver you from the wrath of God Almighty. Oh, hear me dear reader, while you are in health and your right mind and while mercy's door is still open, there is absolutely nothing that will deliver you from that lake of fire and brimstone, but being satisfied with God's goodness in this life. Nothing will satisfy or deliver but trying to be like Jesus.

Oh, let me beg you in the name of Jesus to stop awhile and try to imagine just how it will be with you when you come up to the power of death; to say nothing of the Judgment day.

Now just imagine yourself on your death-bed, your body perhaps almost wasted away by disease and suffering, your limbs growing stiff, your eyes becoming set, the cold death perspiration gathering on your brow, and the death rattle in your throat. Oh, reader, how are you going to feel when you are in that condition? I know—you will think and perhaps say that you would give ten thousand worlds like this if you had tried to be like Jesus and had been satisfied with God's goodness, and could have met Him in peace. But, dear reader, you won't have the opportunity any more, so you will just have to meet a slighted, grieved, and a disappointed God, and take your stand with the cursed of the earth. Dear one, it will be only right and just of God to let you go there; for it was your choice. God has done His part, He has given us the right to choose one of the two ways. Isn't that just as fair as can be? He doesn't compel us to take either way. We can take His way, or we can take the ways of this world. Just as we choose, but oh how "sweet to choose His way." Let us imagine now that this same picture, or description, of the death-bed, when we have taken God's *Holy way*, when we have been satisfied with being like Him in this life; oh, how different now! All is well with us, and no fears of meeting Him. We will have nothing but joy, peace, happiness, and satisfaction. Brother and sister, let us take courage, those of us who are satisfied with the goodness of God, for we can surely say with the old song: "When the chariot comes, I'll have a right to ride."

How sweet and precious it will be to have a right to ride in the holy chariot of God, with Jesus, and all the redeemed. Praise God for the privilege of being satisfied with His goodness; to be satisfied with His goodness is all that will give us a ride when the chariot comes. Praise the dear Lord!

Your sister, all on the altar,

—*Ida Lee*

CAN A CHRISTIAN USE TOBACCO?

The Christian life is an absolute cutting off and separation from sin and uncleanness. You cannot hold to the least sinful or abnormal appetite in your life and be a Bible Christian. God makes it clear what He requires of man that expects to inherit eternal life. "*Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.*" By the grace of God you will live free from sin if you are a child of God. There are no sinful or unclean habits or appetites in the life of a redeemed soul. *You have the victory over all sin, through the Blood of Jesus.*

IT IS WRONG TO USE TOBACCO IN ANY FORM AND THE WORD OF GOD CONDEMNS IT.

"*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness.*" (James 1:21. "*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?—If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.*" 1 Cor. 3:16, 17. "*He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.*" 1 John 2:6. "*Be ye holy, for I am holy.*"

God's Word is strictly against the use of tobacco. "*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.*" A new creature has no sinful nor unclean appetite or desires (II Cor. 5:17).

GOD WILL TAKE THE APPETITE OF TOBACCO AWAY.

Some have been saved that have used tobacco and snuff for thirty-five, forty, and sixty years, and God has taken away all desire for it.

A brother in Portland, over seventy years old, was delivered from the tobacco habit of over sixty years standing.

A man that had used tobacco for fifty years came to the Mission and God took the desire out of his life instantly, and he says, "It is wonderful, wonderful, what God can do for a man."

Another man of over eighty years had used tobacco most all his life, and heard for the first time in the Mission that when Jesus came in, He took the appetite out. He said, "Lord, I believe," and God Almighty took out the tobacco and he is a free man to-day.

When God saves you, He will certainly put you out of the tobacco business, whether you are raising the tobacco or whether you are chewing or smoking it.

Down in Virginia, there are old tobacco barns that are idle to-day. The old-time religion destroys the tobacco business whether you are in the North or South. It makes no difference where you are when God saves you.

You say, "I can't quit it." You won't have to quit it—God will take it out. This is the Gospel and there is a great cloud of witnesses to prove it is true.

It is not hard to serve God when one is born again; but the most miserable state in the world is to try to serve God in one's own strength. When one meets the conditions of salvation, repents with a

Godly sorrow, turns from the past life, God gives power to live above sin, and it is a joy to serve the Lord. The very desire for sin goes out. If one will turn to the God of Heaven, He will put the life in the soul. He comes into the heart, soul, and mind; and one can stand a tower of strength for Him, because He rules and reigns supreme in the life. The change has been wrought by God Himself.

If you want to get saved, furnish God with an honest heart, repent of a life of sin, and call on Him for mercy. The doors of mercy are thrown open to the man who repents and forsakes sin, and turns to God with all his heart and all his soul.

He will not turn you away, for He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." You must believe that "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Accept the Blood of Jesus Christ. Pray with all your heart, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." God will save you and witness to your heart that the work is done, and fill you with joy and peace. God does not save by degrees, but instantaneously. Salvation is definite and real as when one is born into this world. You will know the moment you have 'passed from death unto life.' The moment you have become a child of God, the Spirit witnesses to your soul that you are "born again" and the finger of God writes your name in Heaven.

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RESISTING THE ADVERSARY.

In the fourth chapter and verse seven of the Epistle of James we are told that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

We are told the same thing in 1st Pet. 5:8. 9.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

The real thought in these passages is that we are to refuse to accept any of the works of Satan; we are to positively refuse to be oppressed by him in any way. He is trying to rob us of our righteousness, by tempting us, and trying to bring back our old sins; to destroy our peace by tempting us to worry continually about something. He also seeks to rob us of our health of body; the peace of our homes or our financial blessings and victories. He has no right to do this, as God has provided, in the atonement of His Son, a deliverance and exemption from all these things. Jesus Christ bore all our sins, sorrows, and diseases on the cross.

"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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: 4,5.)

And has given us an inheritance of righteousness, peace, health, and the supply of every need and desire until His coming again. It is our Blood-bought right to enjoy these blessings continually and Satan cannot rob us of them, without our consent. If we would meet his temptations and oppressions with a "NO" instead of consenting to receive them, God would exert His mighty power in rebuking him and protecting us from his works.

In Deut. 30:19 God told the Israelites that He placed before them life or death, blessing or cursing. He exhorted them to choose life that they and their seed might live. God never takes the power of choice from man. He made a great provision, through the death and resurrection of His Son, and says that whosoever will may take of the water of life freely.

If Satan can get us consciously, to surrender our rights and privileges in the atonement of Christ, it will enable him to oppress us and hinder the power of God from giving us the blessings of the atonement.

It is the same in human affairs. The Government of the United States was founded to protect the life and property of its citizens and enable them to enjoy the blessings of their industry and thrift; but, if they take their lives by committing suicide, or surrendering their property to whoever asks for it, the government is powerless to help them, for they have consented through their power of choice to part with their life and property; but, if they refuse to part with their property, when asked for it and someone seeks to take it from them by force, the whole power of the government would be exerted in their behalf to support and defend them in the possession of their goods.

We have an illustration of this in the 20th chapter of 1st Kings, when Ben-hadad sent messengers to Ahab, king of Israel, for his silver and gold, his wives and children. He readily consented, when the messengers came, thereby shutting out God's help and deliverance. The king of Syria was not satisfied, but sent the messengers the second time and asked Ahab to show them everything he had and give them whatever they desired. The king of Israel hesitated to grant this request and consulted with the Elders of the land. They advised him to change his "YES" to "NO."

"And the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent." (1st Kings 20:8.)

He sent word back, by the messengers, that he refused to accede to his second request. The king of Syria became very angry, and sent word back that there was no hope of resisting the large and well equipped army that he had with him; but Ahab still refused and said, "Let not him that putteth the harness on boast himself as he that putteth it off." God then appeared on the scene, in the person of a prophet, and told king Ahab that He would fight the battle for them and that the king of Syria, with his vast army, should be defeated and scattered. It was fulfilled exactly the way the prophet said.

If Ahab, a back-slidden king of Israel, could win such victory over the host of Satan, by simply refusing to surrender his goods—simply changing "YES" to "NO"—how much more could the true children of

God be victorious by refusing to bear sins, sorrows, and diseases that Jesus Christ has borne for them on the cross.

There are just three things which will give us victory over Satan, when he comes with his attacks; the first is to refuse to have them, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the merits of His precious Blood; the second, to trust God alone to rebuke him and deliver us from him and his power; the third, to have the victory, as soon as we have placed it in God's hands.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day." (Psalms 37:5,6.)

—Selected

HOLINESS SEEKERS

Dear friends in Jesus: So many of you have sent in for requests for prayer that you be wholly sanctified to God that my heart is drawn out in great desire to help you in the Lord. He alone can transform a soul, and you must look to Him to do it. The desire and purpose of your heart to be holy, to be cleansed from your sin-nature, is begotten of the Holy Ghost. Whatever prayer he inspires, it is the Father's will to answer. "*This is the will of God even your sanctification.*" (1Thess. 4:3. 1Thess. 5:23,24.)

The word of God must be the basis of your faith. The Spirit will open the word to your understanding if you make it your prayerful study. No one can get and keep Bible experience without living "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," Matt. 4:4. The Spirit brings light on souls through the preaching the Word, through teaching, and by prayers, the testimonies, and the lives of those who walk with Him—but all these cannot take place of His inspired Word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, (Psa. 119:105). Come to the word of God in simplicity of faith, with a heart open to the Spirit, and he will reveal your corrupt nature as it really is.

You may have had much love to God, such a sense of being His child, such a sweet communion with Him, that you can't believe that there is a nature in you at enmity with Him, (Rom. 8:7). You have felt its stirrings, but cannot know its hellish character only as made manifest by the Spirit. You may be astonished at many tests that come upon you at this time, with carnal movings. This is one way God is answering your prayers to show you your inner self. Do not cast away your confidence under these things, but keep the victory, and ask God to take you down at bottom.

All true seeking must be mixed with faith, else it is fruitless. Unbelief will assert itself, if allowed, at every point, and discourage, and prevent deliverance. Rely on the promises and claim your inheritance in Jesus. He died to purchase your present and complete deliverance from all sin. You will see yourself in new light and your carnal nature as a great hinder-

ance to your spiritual life and usefulness, and that it takes a real death to self to get Bible holiness. A spirit of abhorance will be given to carnal self, which will remain and distinguish your experience ever afterwards.

Many find that they are not justified when they begin to seek holiness. If you seek the help of the Spirit to pray, he will pray out your condition of heart. If it is for forgiveness, let him plead in you and do not be frightened at the thought that you are losing all the experience you ever had. You are losing nothing but sin, and such loss is great gain. There may be things brought to your mind by the Spirit, of your past life which have never before impressed you as wrong which require confession and restitution.

The devil will fight hard for his possession in your heart. Resist him in the name of the Son of God. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." The Spirit will bring you to the blood of cleansing and come in to abide with you forever. Do not delay this seeking. Nothing is so important as to be holy NOW. "*Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart,*" (Jer. 29:13). —Anna Abrams.

SHORT SKIRTS

Delilah run a barber shop
To cut her husband's hair,
Delilahs many, can be found,
Both here, and everywhere.

They use two yards to make a dress,
To hide the flesh within,
The saving's from the ankle up,
And downward, from the chin.

I am glad the Ruths exceed the Maids,
Of this Phillistian type,
Who are always after Sampson's curls
To see if they are ripe.

There is a fact that you should know,
Just as I am concluding,
That Sampson's spouse raised all the rows
To which I've been alluding.

So listen to me when I say,
All women are respected—
Excepting that peculiar class,
Who need their clothes corrected.
—Selected by A. E. Johnson.

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. (Rom. 12, 2.)

LIFE is a stewardship and not an ownership; a trust and not a gift. With a gift you may do as you please, but with a trust you must give an account. It must be administered so as to meet the approval of the great Judge.—Selected. Read Rom. 12:1.