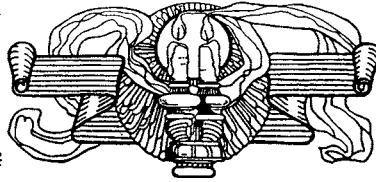


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## Soul Freedom

Oh, soul if you in bondage be:  
Christ payed the debt in full for thee,  
For soul and body his life he gave  
That you no longer should be a slave.

Will you accept this gift of love,  
So freely offered from God above?  
Oh, why refuse his profered grace  
And turn away his sweet embrace?

No, I will not offend my Lord  
Hold fast to sin and spurn his word,  
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Salvation free and full receive.

Thank God I now am not my own,  
For I am his yea, his alone  
I'll serve him now at any cost  
That other souls may not be lost.

—R. H. Craig.

## The Blood Of Christ

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whosoever eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him, as the living Father hath sent me and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: and as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.” (John 6: 53-58).

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (John 6: 51)

These are the plain words of our Lord, and they

show that He was to be slain for the world and through Him we are to have salvation now. The Jew had been taught to offer blood for their sins, and this was only a type and shadow forshadowing Christ as “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the whole world.” (John 1: 29). “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.” (Ex. 12: 13). The Jew could go through all their ceremonies, but without the blood, there was no remission of sins, they still stood against them. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” (Lev. 17: 11). “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” (Heb. 9: 22-26).

God honored the sacrifices that the Jew brought, until Christ was crucified and then from that on He would not accept of it any more, and even caused the temple and temple ground to go into the hands of the Mohammedans and it is still under their control, and the Jews have to stand by a great wall and wail because they can't offer sacrifices upon the only place where God had commanded them to do so. (Deut. 12th chapter). Now, God says in Isa. 66: 3, “He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man: he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.”

The sacrifices were only a shadow of the real—

“Lamb of God.” “Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1: 29). And when Jesus gave His blood for the sins of the world, Jews were included, He meant that they would have to accept Him, as their sacrifice for their sins. He and His blood is the sacrifice for all man-kind. With all their types and shadows, they are too blind to see Him as their sacrifice, the old Testament is full of scriptures pointing to their Redeemer. They could not understand when he said, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.” (John 6: 53).

With all these types and shadows pointing to the Lamb of God, who was to take away the sin of the whole world, they could not see. The sins of the whole world could have been washed away by the precious blood of our Redeemer, but Satan has blinded the eyes of many and they never will repent and be saved. Even the Jew could not see with all that the old Testament had taught them, and they have gone away in darkness and only the few that followed Christ were ever a blessing to the world. The Gospel had to get unto the hands of the Gentiles through Paul and others like him so that it could be a soul saving power in the world. The Jew in his ignorance sins, and religion could never bring the pure gospel message of a sinless life to the world. The Gentiles received it and rejoiced in a salvation that saves from sin. But now even they are turning down their only hope of heaven.

“The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1: 29). —Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

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### The Church of God

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The Church of God is no human structure; it is not man-made, neither was it conceived of man; but it is wholly an issue from God. God planned it from the beginning, He purchased it by giving His only begotten Son a sacrifice, He set the members in the body as it pleased Him and gave His Son Jesus Christ to be head over all things to the Church; it is only one body with many members, every member is necessary for the effectual working and proper function of the Body. The apostle Paul pictures the Church or the body of Christ, as the human body in structure, compactness and operation and gives us to understand that every member is necessary no matter how feeble it may be.

There are many members of the human body that are invisible, yet they are very important, and so, it is also with the Church, the spiritual body of Christ. Many members are used much of God and are very

essential and yet are not seen or know by the public, and only to a small perportion of the rest of the body. All the members are needful, whether seen or unseen and they compose the divinly organized body of believers, which are an habitation of God through the spirit. (Eph. 2: 22). This body of believers is spoken of in the scriptures as Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, A City, as Christians, as a Family, as the Kingdom of God, and nearly a dozen times as the “Church of God.”

In the beginning the Church of God or Kingdom of God was very small as we find in the book of Daniel, it is compared to a “Stone that is cut out without hands.” (Daniel 2: 34); but it was strong and began to smite and mash to pieces human structures that men exalt and admire. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed (Matt. 13: 31), which is a very small seed among seeds, it had great strength in it and when it was planted and grew up it made the greatest among herbs. Jesus was that stone that was “cut out without hands” as He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, given by the will of God and not by the will of man, was God with us.

The Kingdom of God or Church of God, is referred to by the prophets as Mt. Zion, because they beholding it in the spirit, saw it towering above all other hills and mountains that was man-made, they saw it standing out prominently and very strong (Psa. 125: 1), so strong that the “Gates of hell could not prevail against her” (Matt. 16: 18), and seeing it thus in the spirit, called it Mt. Zion, which is very fitting.

It is referred to as a “City,” because the Seed (which is Christ) was Holy and the offspring being holy, and many members, being inhabited by God, they rightly looked upon it as “A Holy City.” Jesus referring to his people the disciples says, “Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.” (Matt. 5: 14).

In Heb. 12: 22, the apostle speaking to the children of God says, “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.” We give you these scriptures so you can plainly see that the interpretations are correct.

The prophets and apostles saw the Church of God as “Jerusalem,” because she is an issue from the throne of God and in spirit comes down out of heaven into the hearts of believers and as God inhabited literal Jerusalem and dwelt there, they also saw through

the spirit, that He was inhabiting the believers in Christ and it was easy for them to make the application as "Jerusalem." In the eight chapter of Zechariah and third verse, we find the prophet speaking of Zion and Jerusalem saying that, "Jerusalem shall be called, a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain." How well this describes those who walk by faith, the Church of God as they have the truth, are large and strong, like a mountain and are holy, because God's holiness dwells in them.

In Acts 11: 26, we find at Antioch the disciples were first called Christians, which is very good and true, as those that compose the Church of God are Christ-like, as they are partakers of His Spirit; and His life issues from a purified heart.

In Eph. the third chapter and fourteenth and fifteenth verses, Paul writes, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the **WHOLE FAMILY** in heaven and earth is named." The Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is God, so the family or "born again ones" would be called "the Family of God or Congregation of God, Church of God, and this is the name of the whole entire number of believers, those who are just and walk by faith. The true believers that possess true holiness, are members of the Kingdom of God, because their life is from God and they have peace and rest in their souls that the sinner knows nothing about.

Jesus says in Mark, first chapter and fifteenth verse, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel." In Mk. 10: 14 Jesus says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." When a man believes in Christ and accepts the blood as a sacrifice for his sins, condemnation and guilt is taken away by the power of God and he becomes as innocent as a little child, therefore Jesus could truly say, "Whosoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Jesus speaks again of the kingdom of God and says to the disciples, "Neither shall they say, Lo here, or, Lo there, for behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Truly the kingdom of God is within every saved soul, as they are attached to Christ by divine life, each one being a member of His body, they eat of His flesh and drink of His blood and eternal life is within them. (John 6: 53).

Now, we shall give you a number of scriptures where the word of God confirms the truth, that the Church of God is the proper name to call the people of God. Turn to Acts 20: 28, and you will find a posi-

tive declaration that the ones that Christ has purchased with His own blood are the Church of God.

Paul in writing to the Corinthian brethren, addressed them as the "Church of God" at Corinth. (1 Cor. 1).

Paul in the tenth chapter of 1 Cor. the 32nd. verse says, "Give none offence, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God."

In the fifteenth chapter of 1 Cor. and ninth verse Paul says, "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God." Who was the people that Paul persecuted when unsaved? All will have to admit that it was the believers in Christ; then they were none other but the Church of God. (Read also, Gal. 1: 13)

In 1 Timothy third chapter and fifth verse, he speaks again of the Church of God, and in the fifteenth verse he refers to it as "The House of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

These scriptures ought to convince any fair minded man or woman that the proper name for saved people is the Church of God. The way to get into this Church is by being born again, receiving the Spirit of God; we remain in it as long as we walk in holiness of heart retaining the Spirit. Paul says, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." (Rom. 8: 9).

In the 87th. Psalm we read, "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the Highest shall establish her. The Lord shall count when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Selah.

In conclusion we shall quote from the ninth chapter of Isaiah. The prophet seeing in the spirit and looking down through the future, beheld something great and exclaimed with joy, "For unto us a child (Jesus) is born, unto us a Son is given, (by the Father) and the government shall be upon His shoulders; (Christ does the governing of His people) and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

—Fred Pruitt.

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We have received a letter from Bro. W. M. Wilson of Canehill, Ark. in which he states that there will be a camp meeting at that place next summer, during the latter part of July. He has a good place there for a camp meeting, as there is plenty of shade and good water and the people around there appeared to be quite interested in the truth. It is a good thing to prepare ahead for this meeting.

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### EDITORIALS

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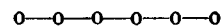
We do not send this literature out free of charge because we have means of our own to use in this way; but because we are burdened for the lost and needy ones and we have faith in God that He will in some way supply. If God did not supply, the work would stop in a very short time. He has been supplying for many years and our faith is strong that He will continue to do so as we look to Him and Him only.

We print and circulate about sixty different kind of tracts, a sample of each will be sent free on request, together with a tract list to order from.

We often think of the words of the apostle Paul found in second Timothy, fourth chapter which reads as follows—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." This gives us (who are being led by the Spirit of God) understanding to know that our stay here in these mortal bodies will mean a constant warfare with the enemy of all righteousness, who arrays his forces against us in many ways and manners by bringing strange things to bear against us, in many peculiar un-thought-of ways. Some times he will work upon those whom we love and have good fellowship with; in different ways and with different agents and cause them to turn against us and speak evil of us and as they give way to wrong and evil thoughts, the enemy will increase them in their soul until if not confessed and gotten out of the way, they will become bitter in their soul and go limping around with a lame experience.

Brethren when the enemy is opposing, oppressing and raging, we must keep in mind that "our weapons are not carnal" and just nestle up close under the wings of God and let Him fight our battles for us, in that way we will be fighting a good fight of faith. Our faith in God is our strong hold and the enemy knows this, he brings strange and hard things to bear against us in order to undermine our faith in God. If he can once get us to doubt that this or that circumstance or hard thing will not work out to our good and His glory, then he has gained a point and brings discouragement over the soul and soon a reign of confusion will exist. The thing for a soul to do when in oppression, in storms of trouble, in fiery trials or strange happenings, is just to draw nigh to God and ask him to get all the good possible to their soul out of these troubles, persecutions or fiery trials. While you are suffering defame, shame and being wrongly accused the dross (hay and stubble) is being burned out; just remember that those who oppose you and wrong you are being worked upon by the same God, that has permitted this to come upon you and you are not only suffering these things for your sake, but for the good of others also.

Recently we were in unavoidable difficulties with some brethren and they held wrong opinions of us and we were unable to show them wherein they were wrong in their thoughts about us. In drawing nigh unto God and seeking Him for all the good possible to our soul, out of these seeming wrong things and misunderstandings; while fasting and looking to God, He got some valuable and precious lessons to us. Then we ask the Lord, why we should be accused wrongly and suffer for it, and others have to suffer too? The answer was, "they needed corrections too, and that we should be willing to suffer for others sake." We said, Amen Lord, and the burden lifted and rejoicing filled our souls.



God has many tools which He uses upon us to chisel and fit us for eternity, we should never get angry or provoked with the tool and push it away, lest we

lose the chiseling and fitting that we need in order to be true fruit in this world and be ready for glory.

In the verse of scripture quoted in the beginning we notice that Bro. Paul says, "I have kept the faith," now this is a very important thought and should be imbedded on the heart of every believer, by the Spirit of God so deeply that they can be as Paul was, in the latter part of the eight chapter of Romans he says, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jesus said unto his disciples just before his crucifixion, "Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you." (John 13: 33). When Peter heard this he said, "I will follow thee now, I will lay down my life for thy sake. In Luke we find the Lord saying to Peter, "Behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." We see in this that Peter was to go through some severe tests and trials and would even deny the Lord, yet Jesus prayed that his "FAITH FAIL NOT," and we find that His prayer was answered and after he had denied the Lord, even cursed and swore that he did not know Him, yet when He seen what he had done, he had faith in God and wept bitterly and repented and retained His favor.

There is a very precious lesson in this for every saved child of God and that is, whatever be the trial, trouble, difficulties, or strange things that come to you, never let it rob you of faith in God; but just humble yourself before God and seek to know all the good that God has for you, if it is suffering for others just say, Amen as Jesus suffered, the just for the unjust. Remember that Jesus suffered for you when you did not love Him, and if you are called upon to suffer for those that do not love you, you will only be sharing with Him in His sufferings. Those who lift up Christ in severe trials and hard circumstances will be preaching a greater gospel and drawing more souls to Him than truth spoken from the pulpit. It is one thing to know the truth and speak it, but it is quite another thing to have grace under all circumstances to manifest it.

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The crucified way, the way of the cross is not popular in these days, then when Jesus was being persecuted by professed followers of God, the majority of people want to be looked upon as religious; but they want a religion in form, that the worldly minded will tolerate or accept, just will not bear the reproach of the cross, want something showy, that will exalt the flesh, therefore the fiercest battles the child of God has is with those that profess to belong to God. So let each of us sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, that He may fight our battles for us, that we may be

able to say as Paul did, "It is no longer I, but He."

In politics men take sides and count their man right no matter what he may do and much of the time oppose the other man, as the very worst of men. In following Christ, this should not be so, as saved men only oppose the wrong, they see in a man and hold no ill-will toward him. Taking sides with men, blind the eyes and keep us from seeing the righteousness in others. We should keep our eyes on the Lord and take sides with Him and fellowship all of His righteousness that we find in any man. As much as lieth within our power, be at peace with all men, the Word says. "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Prov. 16: 7).

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The printing work is moving on as God goes before, in spite of the forces of the enemy that are arrayed against it and we rejoice to know that many precious souls that are crushed and oppressed by the enemy, is getting light and knowledge and through faith in God are made free. As long as God is working with the literature and blessing souls and witnessing to our souls of His approval, we shall be satisfied and rejoice no matter how many the enemy turns against us by his cunning, crafty, slimy undermining ways, for if God be for us, who can be against us? Every issue, we have to print more copies of "Faith and Victory" to supply the demand. We enjoy seeing the truth go out to the people, for the truth is what makes men free.

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We heard a minister say one time: "If a number of dogs was bunched together and you would throw a stone at them and would hit one of the number; the one hit would howl every time." He was using this to illustrate how that a minister that was not dead to self, would also howl when hit. We heard this several years ago, and we have been taking note and find that some howl just like he illustrated it. Brethren it is needful that we be dead to selfish interests, insomuch that we will "give no place to the devil" (Eph. 4: 27), but resist him steadfastly in the faith that he may flee from you. (James 4: 7).

It is sad to see any brother so overcome, that he would bring up old difficulties and troubles and air them around, thereby slap brethren in the face. It might be good to read and explain some scriptures to those who might be in such trouble. Jesus in commissioning the disciples said in part, "Whosoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (Luke 9: 5).

Now, there is a great and needed truth in this scripture, for the ministers of today. Dust is something that is foreign to cleanness, and it will settle on us and stick there and increase if not brushed off. so the dust spoken of here by the Lord nodoubt represents their evil ways, backbitings and evil speakings together with wrongful and hurtful imaginations ex-

pressed. Dust would not mean nor represent the worst kind of evil deeds and acts, because there are many things that are more unclean than dust. He meant for them to resist their unclean acts and not allow them to cleave unto them, to shake loose from all their evil ways, keeping their hearts clean and pure from all defilement, not to inbibe and return wrong for wrong; this they were to do as a testimony against them, proving the divine life, lifting up Christ and showing that they were harmless as doves.

James says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." Paul says in Rom. the twelveth chapter, "recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We would to God that the truth of these scriptures be impressed deeply upon the hearts of all saints that they may always be overcomers along this line, that no discord be sown among brethren, that there be no place given to the devil to work havoc, causing strife, contention and division. If every professed saint would keep the dust brushed off of their individual selves, divine love would flow from heart to heart and unity and peace would prevail at all times.

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The assembly meeting that is held here at Guthrie, during the holidays will soon be here again, and as this is a state meeting, all the congregations in different parts of the state and elsewhere ought to lay aside for this meeting, as God prospers them from Sunday to Sunday, as it will save much gathering at the meeting. The saints here at Guthrie, have an offering box for that purpose and each Sunday the members put in this box as God prospers them and this means is being laid aside for the expense of the assembly meeting. Let us all pray that God will make this coming meeting the best that has been here in years.

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"And whosoever will, let him take  
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Wichita, Kans.—Dear saints of God, I sent greetings in Jesus name: This leaves me saved, sanctified and healed. To God be all the glory.

I went to Canehill, Ark. camp meeting, suffering untold pain and misery. I had suffered for two years, was anointed and prayed for in the name of Jesus, and God heard his little ones and healed me instantly of every pain and made me well.

Thank God for a few dear true ones to help us have faith, when we are sick or afflicted. I ever mean to press on. My heart's desire is to live closer and a humbler life while here and be ready when He calls. I ask an interest in all your prayers. I need them, as I am alone here, no meetings or real saints I know of close. The true ones seem so dear to me.

God bless and keep you all, is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Bonnie Wells.

## Rejoicing, Praying, Thanksgiving

We are definitely told that the will of God for every believer is to "rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes. 5: 16-18).

Christians need have no doubt as to what God's will for them is, for we have this plain statement from His Word. These three things go together: "*rejoicing, praying, thanksgiving*;" they are inseparable; they compose one sentence in the revised version; they constitute the perfect will of God for His people. Happy is the man that doeth His will; he "abideth forever" (1 John 2: 17).

But how is it possible to "pray without ceasing?" How can one constantly be in a spirit of prayer? With so many things to distract his thoughts, and disturb his heart, and demand his time, how can a Christian fulfill this expressed will of God? Dr. J. O. Buswell, President of Wheaton College, in his book on "Problems in the Prayer Life" say: "The continuous nature of prayer may well be illustrated by the conversation of intimate friends. Words are not constantly exchanged, but fellowship is not interrupted. We must not only have regular and frequent times of prayer, but whenever there is a break in the occupation of our minds, we ought to revert to conscious communion with God just as involuntarily as we should continue in conversation with a friend near at hand.

Futhermore, it should be borne in mind that in addition to our petitions, there is to be constant rejoicing and thanksgiving as a part of our communion with God. Making our requests known is only part of a life of prayer; it is just as important to rejoice in the Lord and praise Him for what He is and what He is doing. This will open the door into the prayer room of our hearts. It matters not what may happen, at any time, at any place, from any source, if only we take it as permitted by God for His glory and our good, thank Him for it, and continue to rejoice in the Lord, we will then find our hearts going out to God in worship, praise and supplication.

On the other hand, if we begin to murmur and complain, criticise and find fault, question and doubt, the door into the prayer room of our hearts will involuntarily close. We will soon find ourselves unable to pray. The Holy Spirit will be grieved and quenched. In order to pray without ceasing, it is necessary to be continually happy in the Lord. Our spirits must rejoice in God our Saviour.

Notice how often praise and thanksgiving are associated with prayer:—"Continue in prayer and watch

in the same WITH THANKSGIVING." "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God." Again, "I THANK MY GOD upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request WITH JOY." And again, "WE GIVE THANKS to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

But is it possible to rejoice always down here in this vale of tears, disappointments, distresses, afflictions, sorrow and death? Yes, David said: "I will bless the Lord AT ALL TIMES; His praise shall CONTINUALLY be in my mouth." It was a matter of his will and not his feelings. Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." And again, "Let us offer the SACRIFICE OF PRAISE to God CONTINUALLY, that is, the fruit of our lips, GIVING THANKS to His name."

It is not a question of circumstances. God is far above all our circumstances, surroundings and perplexities. Therefore we can always rejoice and say with the prophet of old: "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded, therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know I shall not be ashamed." Paul learned to "take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecution in distresses for Christ's sake." **THE QUICKER WAY OUT OF AN DIFFICULTY OR TROUBLE IS TO PRAISE GOD FOR IT.** That is the way Paul and Silas got out of prison. That is the way the twelve apostles escaped from their enemies: "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Such rejoicing and thanksgiving stimulate prayer and supplication, even for those who are against us.

Take heed, therefore, that nothing robs you of that joy which the Lord bequeathed to His own (John 15: 11), and without which you will be hindered in prayer. If you are not able to rejoice in the Lord and be grateful for all His benefits, endeavor to find the cause and quickly remove it. **IT WILL GENERALLY BE FOUND IN UNBELIEF OR IN UNCONFESSED SIN.** Either of these will disperse joy. "Now the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace IN BELIEVING," we read in Romans 15: 13. Therefore it is necessary to meditate much upon the promises of God; for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." To neglect your Bible is to lose your joy.

The apostle John wrote his first epistle in order  
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## A Hebrew's Search

In the spring of 1898 I was holding some Gospel meetings in San Francisco, the great metropolis of the Pacific States, and on several occasions was able to address the Jews attending a "Mission to Israel." On one occasion, having concluded my discourse, the meeting was thrown open for discussion with any Hebrews who desired to ask questions or state difficulties, as also for any who had been brought to Christ to relate their conversions.

The experience of one old Jew interested me greatly, and as nearly as I can I give his remarks in his own words, though not attempting to preserve the inimitable Hebrew-English dialect.

He said: "This is Passover week among you, my Jewish brethren, and as I sat here I was thinking how you will be observing it. You will have put away all leaven from your houses; you will eat the 'motsah' (unleavened wafers) and the roasted lamb. You will attend the synagogue services, and carry out the ritual and directions of the Talmud; but you forget, my brethren, that you have everything but that which Jehovah required first of all. He did not say, 'When I see the leaven put away, or when I see you eat the motsah or the lamb or go to the synagogue;' but His Word was, 'When I see the *blood* I will pass over you.' Ah, my brethren, you can substitute nothing for this. You must have blood, *blood*, BLOOD, BLOOD."

As he reiterated this word with ever-increasing emphasis, his black eyes flashed warningly, and his Jewish hearers quailed before him.

"Blood!" It is an awful word, that, for one who reverses the ancient oracle, and yet has no sacrifice. Turn where he will in the book, the blood meets him, but let him seek as he may, he cannot find it in the Judaism of the present.

After a moment's pause, the patriarchal old man went on somewhat as follows: "I was born in Palestine, nearly seventy years ago. As a child I was taught to read the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. I early attended the synagogue and learned Hebrew from the Rabbis. At first I believed what I was told, that our was the true and only religion, but as I grew older and studied the law more intently, I was struck by the place the blood had in all the ceremonies outlined there, and equally struck by its utter absence in the ritual to which I was brought up.

"Again and again I read Exodus 12, and Leviticus 16-17, and the latter chapters especially made me tremble, as I thought of the great Day of Atonement and the place the blood had there. Day and night one verse would ring in my ears. "It is the *blood* that maketh an atonement for the soul!" I knew I had broken the law. I *needed atonement*. Year after year, on that day, I beat my breast as I confessed my need of it; but it was to be made by blood, and there *was no blood!*

"In my distress, at last I opened my heart to a learned and venerable rabbi. He told me "that God

was angry with His people. Jerusalem was in the hands of the Gentiles, the temple was destroyed, and a Mohammedan mosque was reared up in its place. The only spot on earth where we dare shed the blood of sacrifice, in accordance with Deuteronomy 12, and Leviticus 17, was desecrated, and our nation scattered. That was *why* there was no blood. God had Himself closed the way to carry out the solemn service of the great Day of Atonement. Now, we must turn to the Talmud, and rest on its instructions, and trust in the mercy of God and the merits of the fathers."

I tried to be satisfied but could not. Something seemed to say that the law was unaltered, even though our temple was destroyed. Nothing else but blood could atone for the soul. We dared not shed blood for atonement elsewhere than in the place the Lord had chosen. Then we were left without an atonement at all?

This thought filled me with horror. In my distress I consulted many other rabbis. I had but one great question—*Where can I find the blood of atonement?*

I was over thirty years of age when I left Palestine and came to Constantinople, with my still unanswered question ever before my mind, and my soul exceedingly troubled about my sins.

One night I was walking down one of the narrow streets of that city, when I saw a sign telling of a meeting of Jews. Curiosity led me to open the door and go in. Just as I took a seat I heard a man say, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." It was my first introduction to Christianity, but I listened breathlessly as the speaker told how God had declared that "without shedding of blood is no remission," but that He had given His only begotten Son, the Lamb of God, to die, and all who trusted in His blood were forgiven of all their iniquities. This was the Messiah of the fifty-third of Isaiah; this was the Sufferer of Psalm 22. Ah, my brethren, I had found the blood of atonement at last. I trusted it, and now I love to read the New Testament and see how all the shadows of the law are fulfilled in Jesus. His blood has been shed for sinners. It has satisfied God, and it is the only means of salvation for either Jew or Gentile."

Reader, have you yet found the blood of atonement? "Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. Are you trusting in God's smitten Lamb—the sacrifice of God?

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. 9:13-14.

—Sel.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,\*\*\*but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot and blemish."



# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

## The Best Gift

Give, little sunbeam, golden bright,  
Give to the world your cheery light;  
Give, little welcome drops of rain,  
Till thirsty meadows smile again.

Give, pretty flow'rets, fresh and fair,  
Breathing sweet perfume on the air;  
Give, little birds, your springtime glee,  
Filling the woods with melody.

Give, little children, day by day,  
Helping each other as you may;  
What can we give our Saviour—King?  
Love is the best gift we can bring.

Giving and loving; loving and giving;  
So we find the good of living;  
Giving our hearts at our Saviour's call;  
Love is the very best gift of all.

—Sel.

## LIFT JESUS UP

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” (John 12: 32).

Children, Jesus wants you to lift him up in your every day life, so souls seeing Him working through your life, will draw them unto Him. The way to lift Jesus up is to repent of your sins and let Jesus come into your hearts, and rule your life to His glory, and the good of souls.

When we show kindness to those that would do us evil, love them that don't love us and do good to them that would do us wrong, then we can lift Jesus up to them. In that way it will make those that has done wrong, to feel ashamed of their selves.

Lot of little children in our land, that has never been taught about Jesus, and know nothing about his love and mercy, that He shows to them each day. You that have been blessed with a father and mother that has taught you of Jesus, you should manifest Him unto such children. When they miss treat you, they don't know any better, because they have not been taught any better. You should show them that there is a better way to live, that is by lifting Jesus up to them.

Jesus was born into this world, like you children were, and grew up to be a man. “He, did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.” (1 Peter 2: 22). So if you let Jesus, come into your hearts, He can help you to live a pure life like He lived.

The Lord loves every one, and he longs for each

one to give their hearts and lives unto Him, so he can bless and care for them. Each one of you be a bright and shining light, in the place where you are, and help some one to see Jesus lifted up, in your life.

May the richest blessings of God, rest upon each one, is my prayer. —Mrs. Mary Pruitt.

## A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all at the Household of Faith: To you all, I desire to send greetings in the precious name that is high above every name, and as the verse of a beautiful and inspired old song says, “JESUS, the very thought of Thee, with gladness fills my breast” and so it does. And I pray that each of you as you toil on and labor to send the good news of full salvation to souls bound in sin, and the strengthening soul-food to those washed and redeemed in the precious blood of Jesus, that you may be encouraged for the time of reaping is not far off, and your labor in the Lord is far from being in vain. I suppose if we knew the number of people who have strained every nerve, sacrificed all they had of comforts of this world, in order to find the gold of earth, we would be surprised. Many even lost their lives in their determined and zealous attempts, and others sought and labored hard day and night, but all in vain. But, ah, not so with those who perhaps in a similar way do the same things for the salvation of souls, the Lord will never disappoint, but always give even pleasant surprises both in this life and so much the more in the real life to come. The people of the world put a lot of professing Christians to shame, when it comes to sacrificing and laboring for their master.

You will please excuse my delay in writing as I have had a little season of something on the order of the flu, and had very hot fever and the most severe cold in my head and breast that I ever remember experiencing, but I was not without the One who represents Himself as a very present help, and the Doctor of doctors, and by the love and mercy of Jesus I am feeling fairly well now, yet not to my ordinary strength. Bro. Sperber and also some more of my friends came and prayed for me, and the Lord relieved of the fever and cold in my head. Also during the time when I was not able to get about, my Chinese boy friend was very attentive and saw to my needs well and did all he could to make me comfortable. And my Indian friends, the John family, sent me some good rice and curry and vegetables, etc., and all these tokens of care and true brotherly love and friendship is greatly appreciated from the depths of my soul, I know the Lord will not forget to reward according to every

deed done. I am trusting that all of you have been kept well during the past summer.

Bro. Pruitt, I got the picture roll that you sent and appreciate it very much, both old and young are anxious to see the pictures and they convey a meaning and impression, that perhaps otherwise wouldn't be so deep.

I hope that all of the dear saints are well, such as Grandma, Bro. and Sister Glasgow and all. I thank you for sending the pictures also of different views of the office and house, etc. The Lord bless Bro. William in laboring there in the spread of the gospel to many hungry hearts. I was much encouraged by Bro. William's letter, and I hope the Lord is making the linotype behave good and do its proper duty. I can imagine that Bro. William and it are becoming well acquainted with the result that many soul-feeding messages are prepared for the press. I have had in mind to write some to send, but got very much behind with my other writing, etc., while I was not so well.

The Lord has been good in being with and meeting with us in our little gatherings, though Bros. Sperber, David Aitcheson, and Charles John have also had some attacks of affliction, the Lord has delivered according to His precious word and promise. It is encouraging to see several little Indian boys come along to the meetings and one who has to work nearly all day on Sunday (as well as all the week days) comes up to my room at his spare time. He reads English real well and likes to listen to the Gospel. Bro. Pruitt, how are the jail meetings getting along. I suppose that moonshiners and bootleggers that no doubt otherwise would never listen to the Gospel have time to take example from the Prodigal Son, and it brings joy to my soul to remember how some in behind the bars found real soul-freedom and rest from a life of sin. May the Lord richly bless all of you as you minister the Gospel to those needy souls.

Well, I must close for this time. Please pass on my best love in the Lord to all there that I can't write to personally. Your Bro. in the faith once delivered to the saints,  
—Robert Longley.

### C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Menard, Ill.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I have been receiving your paper "Faith and Victory" for a long time, I do not know who ordered it for me, but I do know I appreciate it very much.—All I have is a heart full of love and charity that suffereth long and is kind. But God willing I will contribute to your expense, when I get out of this prison; which is only fourteen months from the twenty-eighth of this month (Oct.).

I am going to do all of God's bidding when I am out. I must raise my voice against sin in all its forms. I could write page after page, and yet have much praise for Jesus, who has done so much for me. I am a man about fifty years of age. Have been a man holding a big position, at times having as high as six-

teen-hundred men under me; but I let the Devil and his believers lead me to this place, but I do thank God that He spared me, even at this late date, for I am living in Canan now, feeding on wine and honey—eating the bread that satisfieth the soul. Bless His dear name. I entered this place six years ago the 13th. day of June—a stranger to salvation, yet I had joined a *meeting house*, but it was only a form of Godliness; but when the steel doors closed on me in here something said to me, "What doeth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul," then when the lights were turned out at 9:30 P. M. bed time Oct. 15th. 1922, something said to me, "you are shut in and everything shut out from you." I then heard a very distinct voice say, "these bars and stone walls cannot stop Jesus, He will come in and reign in your heart evermore, if you only ask him in faith believing, He has not forsaken you,—but is ready to forgive and receive you." So I dropped on my knees in the darkness of that little stone cell 5x7 its size. But behold the Devil was there also, he said, "What are you trying to do? You can't pray!" I said, I know if I can't pray, I can *talk* to Jesus, and I did talk to Him, told Him all, every sorrow and trouble. He listened and did even more than I asked Him, He has forgiven all my sins. Yet I have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, I have feared no evil for His staff and His rod they have comforteth me.

The way grows brighter every day. I am going on to perfection. When Jesus can save and keep me while in here as He does, I know He can abundantly keep and save sinners everywhere. I have lots of things I would like to write, but space will not permit. The wonderful things Jesus has done for me in answer to prayer, since I have been in here. I know I am of God, for I love the brethren.

Would appreciate letters of encouragement, from Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, while I am in this living death. Jesus is the Sunshine in my heart.

Yours for full salvation,  
—M. J. Lockard.  
Address, Pen. no. 5528, Menard P. O., Ill.

Fayetteville, Ark.—Faith Pub. House: Dear saints, have been thinking I would write for some time to tell you how much I appreciate the little paper "Faith and Victory." I sure do enjoy reading it, also the testimonies.

I have been a Christian about fourteen years, I am still encouraged to go on. I praise Jesus for ever letting the light shine across my path. When I was in sin, conviction seized my soul and He saved me by the precious atoning blood. Oh, how wonderful to know when Jesus saves you from sin, how you do feel like a New Creature. I believe in the old time religion. I am so glad of this way. Praise the dear Lord, for His promises, for they are sufficient for all.

I Praise Jesus, for His willingness to die on the cross for our sins. Who of us would be willing to die for others? Thanks for the paper, "Faith and Victory." Pray for me.  
—Mrs. Wm. Osburn.

## REJOICING, PRAYING, THANKSGIVING

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that "your joy might be full," and again that "ye sin not." In this way only can we maintain fellowship with the Father and with the Son. This fellowship can easily be marred by the darkness of sin, and then we are unable to rejoice in the Lord. Let us quickly confess every known sin, with a purpose to forsake it, plead the blood of Christ, believe the promise of God (1 John 1: 6-9), and then we will be able to pray in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

If we find nothing that interferes with our joy, then we should thank God for His love, His grace, His forgiveness, His patience, His faithfulness, His goodness, His gentleness, His power and for all His benefits (Psalm 103: 2). "Name them one by one," and soon we will be in the spirit of prayer again. By rejoicing in everything and being thankful for anything, we can "pray without ceasing" anywhere. And "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning YOU" and every member of the body of Christ.

—Commission Prayer League.

Alma, Mich.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Praise the Lord today for salvation. It is flowing deep in my soul like a river, with persecutions in variety thrown in. But isn't this a part of our inheritance? Well praise the Lord for them too! You are right Sister Pruitt, when you said there is nothing in this world worth wasting our time on. I am still in the school of Jesus and although rather a slow dull scholar, I am learning a little I trust.

Would love to see you all again and be with you in those precious meetings, I can't forget. You can't imagine how I miss those dear colored folks. Oh, the unity and fellowship of the Spirit, I felt while we all met together to worship God. I'm glad the color line has been taken out of my heart.

Suppose you heard of father's death last July the 5th. It has been terribly hard under the circumstances, but again God's grace proved sufficient through it all and I here give Him praise and glory for all He has done for unworthy me.

Dear grandma Spradling, how is she? What a living monument of God's love and mercy and what a beautiful example to us. To me she seems a miracle.

Would love to meet your helpers. May the Lord bless and supply every need is my prayer. Must now close with lots of holy love. Yours for the whole truth,  
—Hazel Mann.

Frankfort, Ky.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I have received your most kind and always welcome letters, papers and tracts, I am giving them out in the name of our dear Saviour, hoping that they will read

and obey them. I tell them, they will help them to reach heaven.

I praise God for this privilege of working for Jesus, He has done so much for me, and I have found a friend in Him that excels all other friends. I live alone since my husband went to heaven, but not alone after all for Jesus is with me all the time.

He said, He never would leave me, and his word is truth. I believe every word of his word will stand. His word, will stand when this world is on fire. I am so glad I know him, and He knows me. I have been His, and He has been mine for thirty-two years. He has never went back on his word, He has blessed me with everything I needed in all these years. He has blessed me with many things I did not think to ask for.

I am His, and He is mine, I am on my way to heaven, and some of these times, I expect to see how it looks in side of heaven. Talk about shouting here, I expect to shout forever when reaching home, and meet my Saviour face to face. Yes his protecting care is over me at all times and He said, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." God bless all of you, and your good work. Yours in His name,

—Mrs. Nannie Brumback.

Richland, Mo.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory." Today finds me looking to Jesus the only real guide we have in this life.

I am truly thankful as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus and our hearts open to his truth all will be well; of course as sure as we follow the straight Bible way we will have trials and persecutions, but Jesus will stay with us if we stay with Him, and draw nearer to Him. We must ever be on our guard against all temptations of the evil one, because we must watch and pray in order to overcome temptations. The word tells us, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." He says, "If we keep his word he will keep us in the hour of temptation." So dear saints we know that the Lord is true, if we fall who is to blame, only ourselves. We must not get our eyes on our trials and tests, but remember we have a great High Priest to go to, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin. With so many promises of God, there is no need of us falling away from God. I know there are times when anyone says anything to me they should not say, then the trials and tests come. The suggestion will be made to say something in return, then I think of the way Jesus suffered for me; and the thought will come to me, "He answered never a word."

I want more each day, of the Spirit of Jesus in my heart and that my heart may always say, "Amen to His will" in all things. The Bible tells us, "his servants we are to whom we obey." When these temptations come to us we resist them and yield to the Lord. We will thereby be the servants of God, and He will bless and keep us with victory in our souls and

His peace ever in our hearts.

Pray for me that I ever be true to Jesus and always be ready for His coming. A Sister,  
—Mary Glover.

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### A Reproof

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In Eph. 3: 8 we read, "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Here we have the testimony of one of the greatest Evangelists of the gospel dispensation, here he spoke out of his very heart just like he felt, less than the least. Not because his life or labor was inferior, or came behind in anything, for he testified in another place, that he came behind in no gift,\*\*but what was it to make Paul feel himself so little among God's people, (or apostles). In 1 Cor. 15: 9, "For I am the least of the apostles, which am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

Now we see in this, though Paul did it before he knew anything about salvation; yet because of the reproach of it he still felt humiliated, but sad to say today there are ministers who after getting in the light of the glorious gospel, having an experience of salvation, then they prove unfaithful to their calling, go back into the world, later they claim to get back in favor with God, go to preaching and want the brethren to look upon them as one to be honored or esteemed or fit for a responsible place to preach.

Now, I do believe my brethren, that if Paul felt humiliated for his conduct he did in ignorance, how much more ought we feel humiliated when we have proven unfaithful to God, to our trust, to the saints and to the world. It is a grievous thing to see ministers who have preached this clean gospel to others, then they themselves go deep enough into sin to commit adultery, then claim to get saved, get right back in the stand to hold up this clean standard.

Brethren, I do believe that ministers like that ought feel in themselves like taking a back seat, ought not expect the saints' confidence. I for one do not want to sit under the sound of no adulterous preacher. Such preachers ought to wonder in themselves; could God ever intrust me again with this ministry? Or could the saints ever have confidence in me as a minister? Remember the word of God still cries in solemn tones of warning, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

Now if the ministers of the gospel would stand together against such and contend for a higher standard among the ministry, it would cause more godly fear to be among us, it would cause one that got into such crime to fear the pulpit; but where they can get sympathy and co-operation with others that call themselves ministers, we will never be able to keep the ministry clean.

Oh, but one may say, God can forgive. Well yes,

He can forgive, but that don't remove the reproach. God forgave David for having Uriah's wife after having him killed, but he would not allow him to build his house.

God does not need adulterous preachers to help carry his gospel. May God take care of the ministry, is my prayer. Amen. Your Bro. in Christ.  
—S. T. Walker. R. 6, Box 117, Tulsa, Okla.

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### Righteous Examples

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Righteous examples had a beginning, and they have an ending. Now let us see if we can prove the above statement. Yes, thank God we have the infallible proof. Christ was the beginning of a righteous example, and said, in St. John 13: 15, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you." There has never been any one who gave a righteous example before Christ's advent into the world, and he began to set the first one. When he came to John the Baptist to be baptised of him in Jordan, "John forbade him." But Jesus being sent to fulfill all Righteousness, answering John, said, "Suffer it to be so NOW: (not wait till some more convenient time, but now) for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Now then, the next thing that we have any record of, was that Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil; will you please note carefully? To be tempted, not just merely a happen so. Now Brother Minister, here is one of the most profitable examples for the man or woman who are called to the ministry, if we will consider it in the right way; but so many of us that do not consider the profitableness of being tempted, and begin to squirm, and shrink back. Yes, and many give up because of the temptations. Right here we wish to encourage the young ministers, to go on up into the wilderness by the leading of the Spirit, and tarry there until you are endued with power, because Jesus set this example for the benefit of the ministry. Now we notice futher: He fasted forty days and forty nights, and his example was for the benefit of the ministry also. Do not mistake us to mean that you will each have to fast forty days and forty nights, but the example signifies that you need to fast as you are there being tempted of the devil, it is only the office or school room for qualification, so that you can set a righteous example also for others as Christ has set it for us. Right here at this point is where most all failures arise in the ministry being qualified for the work, many of us can look back and see this failure. Why? Because of not following our master's example and many make a failure in trying to be a big preacher, preaching great big doctrinal sermons; but brother notice, Jesus did not seem to set that kind of an example for us, no we find that He began to preach and say, "repent," and some of us older ministers sometime get to far ahead, they should step back to where

they can preach repentance more, not try to be big doctrinal sermon preachers. Brethren, don't you think that our work would be more lasting, and we would be more efficient workers and more soul winning? Amen.

Now we note in 1 Peter 2: 21, "For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an **EXAMPLE**, that ye should follow in his steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth," Now if the minister does not follow the example; how can his congregation follow in it, and can he expect them to? Christ is the beginning, and the minister is the Center of the Righteous Example, if he has observed all of those set by Christ. He cannot demand his congregation to measure up if he is not himself. Now we just said that the minister is the center of the righteous example, and now shall we say, that the church, is the end of the example of righteousness. Sure it is; because the world cannot set a righteous example, but the church can set a righteous example before the world, or the unsaved. Sectism cannot set it, because it has not observed all that the Saviour set. Without a doubt the world cannot set a righteous example before the world, so then the Church of God, is the end of all Righteous Examples. Amen.

Now let us note again regarding the ministry observing all of the examples that Jesus left for the ministers, truly the ministry should observe, as quoted in Mark 2: 2, "And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: he preached **THE WORD** unto them." Too many today get in the pulpit and instead of preaching to the people, they begin to preach at the people. Shame on the man or woman that do such. When they preach to the people, they are a blessing to them through God, but when the preacher begins to preach at the people, there is neither the people get any benefit nor the preacher. Oh, the preacher may get a selfish desire satisfied, but no good accomplished. He should follow the example of Jesus in St. John 4: 34, "Jesus saith unto them, my meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." Jesus had a saving element in him, so ought the ministry have a saving element in it and not a killing element. Many, many, times has the great heart of God been grieved, when some fellow got into the pulpit after he had hunted out every weapon he could find in the sacred word of God, to kill somebody with.

I remember one time several years ago, there was a number of pulpit clubs gathered up and used on some of the brethren and several of them, and I happened to be one of the victims, at each and every service this preacher was clubbing, and I had just about got flade under, but the Lord knew just how much I could stand, then He put a minister in the pulpit filled with the Holy Ghost, and he was preaching to the people the unsearchable riches of Christ, I never will forget his text, which is found in the later part of the thirty-first verse of the ninth chapter of St. John,

also the seventeenth verse of the seventh chapter of St. John, the Lord had filled him with a message, and filled his vessel with good things to eat and all those that had been beaten with pulpit clubs, still had enough strength to eat and they began to eat till they got on footing, I included, and I tell you this Brother had just arrived in time for our rescue, and the glory just flooded my soul and there was a glorious time in the Lord, that ended the pulpit clubs.

May God help His ministers to go up into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. I don't mean for him just to go up of his own accord with a purpose to be tempted, but be led of the Spirit, and he will not come down from there with a lot of pulpit clubs; but he will have something to give out to hungry souls, he will be so equiped for service that the precious examples that Jesus left will be manifesting themselves through him to the people and to the church, then the church to the world or the unsaved, also Zion will travail and bring forth Sons and Daughters. Amen.

—C. M. Hicks.

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## Prayer, Or A Praying Church

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It is one thing to say our prayers, but vastly another thing to pray our prayers. The great masses of people of this world most all saved and unsaved, old and young have been taught to say the Lord's prayer. Namely, "Our father which art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as (or in the same manner) we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." This prayer if prayed involves great responsibility. It first acknowledges the right of rulership. It involves reverence, duty, and obedience, as subjects to his kingdom. And also acknowledges God as having power to take care of his own affairs. To put down, to subdue, and to lift up. It acknowledges our resort to human agencies as did King Asa. When he sought help from the Syrian army. (See 2 Chron. 16: 7-9).

The case of the widow coming to the unjust judge should forever be a lesson to God's children. (See Luke 18: 1-8). This widow shows her respect for his office as well as acknowledged him as being the only one in authority to avenge her of her adversary. Further, that as a citizen she had a right to protection. God says here what the unjust judge sayeth, she did not faint when first refused. "And shall not God avenge his own elect which cry unto him day and night though he bear long with them. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Dear saints of God shall we show the same respect and acknowledge that all power and authority is in him who is the judge of all the earth? Can we as citizens of his kingdom come to him and claim a right of pro-

tection from our adversary the Devil, who is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

When Jesus comes, shall he find us afraid to trust God to take care of his own kingdom and protect us from the enemy or shall we, like Peter, take the sword in our own hands to protect the Lord and then say thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, and not really mean it. What kind of faith have we got? God has said, "Avenge not yourselves for vengeance is mine. I will repay." Yet men will take it in their own hand to over-rule by human intervention and by force, the powers of evil, in other words to help the Lord, as though some cases were too hard for God to handle, and after all is done the principle remains untouched. The evil is still in the hearts, only to break out in another form when if we as God's own elect people would go to him as the only supreme magistrate, asking him to avenge us of our adversary and stay at his feet until our prayers are answered, I feel like taking the responsibility of saying to all of God's dear children, that God will vindicate his own cause.

When the apostle Paul had the ministry of the gospel to the Gentiles committed to him, he said, "A great door and an affectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries." Did he resort to the sanhedren or to other resourses of human intervention to subdue those Judeizers who were persecuting him? No he just went on preaching Christ. And God spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace for I am with thee and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee, for I have much people in this city." And he continued there a year and six months. (trying to get the authorities to take it in hand?) No. Teach the word of God among them. Jesus says, "all power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth." Do we believe it? Can we, his own elect continue to preach the word and pray and expect him to avenge us of our adversary?

We also have a great door and affectual opened unto us to carry this evening light truth, the angels message to Babylon and to a sinful world. And there are many adversaries. To whom shall we go? Shall we simply say our prayers, and then try to avenge ourselves or shall we go forth with our gospel message, faithfully discharging our stewardship? And willing to suffer with Christ of whom it is said, the government shall be upon his shoulders. —R. H. Craig.

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## A Life Without Sin

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Some people can't live above sin, what about the following? God in his word has told us to live free from sin. God's word tells us in Matt. 7: 18, "That a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit." or in other words a Christian cannot sin. It also tells us in 1 John 3: 6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." And in the ninth verse it says, "Whosoever is born of God, doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In

this, the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

In these scriptures it is plain to see the difference between God's people and those that are not His, as one class commits sin and the other does not.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning; for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." And if we sin we are of the devil, and it is an impossibility to serve God and be of the devil. For God tells us in Matt. 6: 24, that we cannot serve two masters, either we will love the one and hate the other. 1 John 2: 6 says, "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also to walk even as he walked." As who walked? Why Christ of course. I wonder if any one thinks that Christ didn't live free from sin. Let us see what 1 Peter 2: 21-22 says, "For here unto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Now notice if we are the children of God, we abide in Christ, then we have to follow his footsteps, who did no sin. How can any one say, we cannot live free from sin, when the scriptures plainly tell us in Rom. 6: 12, "Let not sin reign in your mortal body." Also in the 14th. verse, "For sin shall not have dominion over you." (or us) Also the 22nd. verse says, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye (or us) have your fruits unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Praise the Lord.

How plain it is. The reason so many people think that they can't live free from sin, is because they live from the mouth of the preacher, instead of the Bible. Dear Christian, if we would read and study our Bible and pray, we would never be misled.

If we can't live above sin; how is the world going to tell us from any other sinner? If we do the things that they of the world do, such as going to picnics, dances, ball games, theaters, parties, box suppers, and dress like them, walk, act and look like them; we are certainly not letting our light shine as Jesus wants us to. We should keep ourselves unspotted from the world, to let our light shine. In James 1: 27 we read, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Your Bro. in Christ, —Joe F. Goasley.

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## Examination

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If all the money, all the finest automobiles, free excess to the glittering things of this world, all fame and honor of man, all friendship and human ties, everything near and dear were placed on one side, and JESUS with reproach and suffering on the other. Which would you choose?

Do you esteem the opinion of the world; the op-

inion of those considered by the world most prominent, of more value than the value of the souls whom society has cast off?

“Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” Yes, as long as the Lord gives me a house to preside over, it is my duty to honor God, not only because He demands and deserves it, but it is for the welfare of all concerned, the ways of the Lord are perfect, and just. Whenever we do contrary to His will we hurt ourselves and those over whom we have influence.

Sometimes it goes against the grain to “reprove, rebuke, and to exhort” a line must be drawn, the styles of the world, showing disrespect to parents and the Lord’s people dare not be tolerated. God will not go into partnership with the devil.

Good old Eli loved his boys so much he hated to cause them any bodily pain, besides the neighbors might have thought it out of place for a preacher to have to whip his boys, so he restrained them not, tumbled off his stool and broke his neck. Whenever a youngster deliberately refuses to obey God-fearing parents, it is better to give them to understand that they must choose God, in order to preserve the sanctity of the home or like Eli, they will go to ruin.

My prayer is, Lord fire us up so we will stand the test every moment of our lives. The way is growing narrower all the time. Praise the Lord, His grace is sufficient. Let us live for Him, if necessary, die for Him. “Whether we live or die we are the Lord’s.”

—Marie Pauline Sass.

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### “Come Out of Her”

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We feel led of God, to write a few lines of warning to those who are still abiding in the man-made-churches. We read in the word of God, of how when God was going to destroy certain places, He would warn the people and in some places, they that obeyed God, had to flee for their lives.

God in his precious word has told us, He was go to Destroy Babylon, meaning all man-made, human organizations. Christ never built but one church, the rest have been built by man and are deceiving and leading precious souls down to the lost world, causing them to think they are right, when they are not. “And he 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). How true this is, we know of some who abide in these man-made-churches, who do many wicked deeds. Some are considered good church workers. Why do they do this? The church, is a cage for them to pro-

tect them; so people will not notice their evil deeds, or think of them doing such things, because they are church workers. Not so in the Church of God, the Church Jesus built. No one enters, only those who have been washed in the blood of Jesus and made as white as snow.

Now we love those in these different sects, and there are some very precious friends among them. We write in deep love for their souls, that we might help to point them to the Bible way. There may be some real honest souls abiding in there. We are sure there are some good moral people among them, and maybe a few who are saved, but to those there is a command. “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). You must either come out of her, leave them, or else partake of her sins and receive of her plagues and go down to the lost world with her. This is the Word of God. Which are you going to do? “Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.” (Rev. 18: 8).

When Jesus was here on earth He said, “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” (John 10: 16). He said, he had other sheep who were not of this fold, but immediately said, “them also I must bring.” Notice! He said, He “MUST” bring them to His fold and they shall hear His voice. So dear brother and sister, if you are in some other fold, Jesus is calling for you and if you are His sheep, you will hear His voice and obey. If you do not obey His voice, you are not His sheep, for he says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10: 27). Notice in the sixteenth verse He says, “There shall be ONE FOLD and ONE SHEPHERD.” Jesus is our shepherd. “He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” (John 10: 1).

May the Lord bless and lead precious souls into the *one fold of God*, where they may abide through this life and in eternity. Your Sister in the Church of the living God.

—Susie Whipple.

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### Are You Building On The Rock?

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To build on the rock is to build on the New Testament truth. “Thy word is truth.” (John 17: 17). “The word is the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE” (John 14: 6). His words are Spirit and they are life. Praise God. If we build on the ROCK Christ Jesus, the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. The storms may come, the wind blow, persecutions and billows roll, all this cannot prevail if we are on the rock. Praise God.

Look into the New Testament scriptures, and see

how the creator was crucified for you and me. Yes, for everyone, not willing that any should perish, but that all should be saved. This is New Testament truth. The way is complete, are we crucified to the world, with the affections and lust? Is all on the altar, is that unruly tongue on the altar? If not, get busy dear ones—dig deeper. Self must die, we must separate and deny ourselves of the pleasure of the world, yes the affections and lusts must be forsaken and purged out. The word says, "We cannot serve God and mamman," that means dead indeed to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If we desire to do the things we did before we professed to be saved, enjoy worldly pleasures, let the tongue joke, talk worldly and so forth, we are deceiving ourselves and building on the sand and cannot stand the storms of life. Why not? Because we have not builded on the ROCK.

Have you given up all for your Saviour? Has your conscience been purged from dead work to serve the living God? Have you the witness in your soul that you have been born of the Spirit? Are you walking in the light of His word? "Thy word is light." God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. Are you walking in newness of life? Does the truth of the New Testament make your soul rejoice in its freedom? Have you got fellowship with the Father and His Son? This is building on the rock Christ Jesus.

Dear ones, let us not be wise in our own selves, let us not discard any scripture and add something else ~~and call it far better~~; as that would be building on sinking sand. Oh, the precious promises given by the eternal God, who is our Refuge at all times, but we must trust in Him.

Matt. 5: 14 says, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Why not? Because ye are building on the *rock*, where nothing can move your soul from the truth, and the truth is salt. If we are building on the sand, we will be like salt that has lost its strength—good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of man. Let your light shine for Jesus, so it can be seen in your life, in your conversation and among your neighbors and where ever you are known. Be as a candle, that is lit and set on a candle stick, so you can give light to all and they will know you are a new creature, made new because you are born again. Saved from sin. Praise the Lord.

What exceeding great and precious promises we find in His eternal word. Do we believe them? Let us walk by faith, having our lamps trimmed and burning, for at a time when ye think not, the Son of man cometh, if we are building on the ROCK, we shall meet our Saviour in the air, so shall we ever be with Him. Glory to His Holy name. The word points us to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. We praise Him for them. Please read, (Gal. 1: 1-13). You see man is not exalted, man must be a servant, for God is no respecter of persons. Let us get saved to God, and keep His word, get our eyes on Jesus and keep them there. Let us go forth day by day in the mighty

name of Jesus, for His word says, "It is a savior of life unto life, or death unto death."

We are born in sin, also true, we are born again, born of the Spirit. Praise the Lord. Jesus is the Saviour of man-kind, and without Him we can do nothing. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, the abiding comforter to keep the heart clean and we must have Him. To receive the Holy Spirit means that you have offered yourself a living sacrifice and been acceptable and the blood has been applied by faith and the heart has been sanctified, purged, cleaned out; dead to the world, and the Holy Spirit is the abiding comforter. Now, you have entered into this grace wherein you stand. Yes, you have the victory, the works of the devil has been destroyed out of the heart, without the indwelling of the Spirit of God, you are none of His. Purged from dead works, means to be sanctified, now if you are dead to sin; how can you live any longer therein. (Rom. 6: 2). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Praise God for victory through the name of God's well beloved Son. Now being subject to the Holy Spirit, it is your leader, your guide, teacher. (1 John 2: 27). Now your body is the temple of the living God.

It is a glorious place to live, where our affections are set on things above. (Col. 3: 1-3). Let the Holy Spirit have the right of our way, that the word of God can dwell in you richly. If you get slack, the Holy Spirit will be grieved and will withdraw from you, then you will grow lean in your soul. That is why people have a profession, without salvation and are building on the sinking sand.

Dear ones, don't believe anything man says, unless it is the word of God. Do not get saved to the preacher, be not tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. Dress as women professing godliness, do not act like the world. Get a hat that looks saintly, make your dresses the proper and modest length. Must you have your hat decked with worldly adornment, when Jesus wore the crown of thorns for you? Can you have your hair bobbed, when the word of God forbids it? (1 Cor. 11: 1-15). Some say, the 16th. verse settles that they can have their hair bobbed if they want it so. Please look up the scriptures to these references. Gold rings and all unnecessary adornments is forbidden by the word of God. Are you ashamed to be common and dress as saints ought to dress? If so, Jesus will be ashamed of you when He makes his appearing.

Jesus is going to have a clean people and a Holy people, a peculiar people. Why will they be a peculiar people? Because they are saved from their sins, and have been sanctified, cleansed. Yes, their conscience have been purged from dead works, to serve the living God.

The man of sin is to be revealed. Please read, (2 Thess. 2: 1-4). Dear people, prepare to meet your God in peace and *build on the ROCK*.

—Laura Richard.