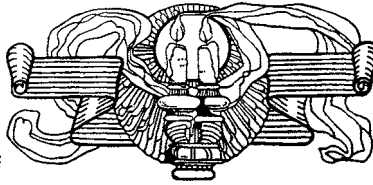


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God is
Love.



Jesus
Saves.

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Vessels

(2 TIMOTHY 2: 20).

Vessels of silver, and vessels of gold,
Vessels whose value can never be told,
Vessels of clay, to honor and shame,
Vessels to glorify Jesus' dear name.

He is the Potter, the molder of clay,
What will He make out of thy life today?
Vessel of silver or vessel of gold,
Which wilt thou be in our God's household?

If thou as the clay art so perfectly still,
Molded and fashioned at the Master's will,
Vessel of honor is what thou can't be
Throughout the long ages of eternity.

Do not complain and be marred in His hand,
Crumble and fall from the form He planned—
Make of the pieces a vessel to shame—
When place of honor is thine to but claim.

Vessels of silver, of gold and of clay—
Which wilt thou be for the Master today?
—Ethel Meadows.

Love Covereth

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4: 8).

Now the synonyms of love are: affections, devotion, kindness and the antonym are: hatred, dislike, unkindness. Charity is another name for the love of God in our heart. If we have the love of God in our heart, we will love those who God has redeemed, the same as he has redeemed us. We must love as God loves, forgive and forget, never bringing up forgiven sins and talking about them. We should never hold anything against a sister or a brother, that God in his

love and mercy has pardoned; no matter what they have done while they were in sin. We should also forgive and forget and love fervently all God's saints, never bringing anything up that has passed under the blood and is washed away. Now ask ourselves, would we want God to do like that with us. Never forgive, and never forget?

If we want to be forgiven, we must forgive, and remember, God will be gracious to those who will be gracious. And now we have this scripture, “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Prov. 28: 13). God does not want us to cover our own sins, but he wants us to confess them to him and then he will have mercy. Covering unforgiven sins is an abomination unto God and many souls are in hell and many on the way, because they will not humble themselves and confess and forsake them; but still live in them, when there has been a way made for their deliverance from all sins.

Now the word also says in 1 Tim. 5: 20, “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.” Also in Titus 1: 13, “This witness is true, wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.” Also Gal. 2: 11, “But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.” Now this does not look like sins should be covered, when they are still lurking in the heart and lives of those who profess to be saints. Listen to this; “Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.” (Prov. 26: 26).

James 5: 16 says, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” “Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.” (Rom. 4: 7). And, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1: 9).

So there is no way out of our sins, but to confess

them and forsake them. "Blessed is he whose transgressions is forgiven, whose sin is covered." (Psa. 32: 1). So the only way to have our sins covered, is to have God cover them with forgiveness and then he will remember them against us no more forever. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Prov. 28: 13). So we see that it is God's love which covers our sins, when we are forgiven. As David's sins were covered when he humbled himself before God and pled for mercy, confessing his sin. He confessed and repented, then God forgave and blotted them out. His great heart of mercy was touched. Had he not humbled himself, it might have gone with him as it did with king Saul, who did not repent when Samuel reproved him for his disobedience. He excused himself and said, "The people etc." So the kingdom was taken from him and given to David and Saul did not prosper.

We here have a wonderful description of how God will blot out our iniquities, if we humble ourselves before God and of his wrath if we do not.

'Tis if we repent and forsake them, then is when God's love covereth and then they are not remembered against us any more forever." He says that he puts them as far away from him as the east is from the west and that he will remember them against us *NO MORE* forever. So God covers them and they never come into his mind against us forever, but are forgotten forever.

Here we have in Prov. 27: 5-6, "Open rebuke is better than secret love" "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Should Nathan the prophet, have refused to go to king David and rebuke him, then David might have perished; but God sent his faithful prophet with his rebuke, who faithfully rebuked David to his face and David humbled himself and confessed and repented, then God had love and compassion upon him and his *great love and mercy covered* his transgressions as it has also covered all of ours; who have likewise repented of our sins and turned away from them to do them no more forever. But none of us got out of our sins by covering them ourselves; instead of confessing them to God and to those whom we had wronged. The only way that they will ever be covered, is by confession and forsaking them and living by the living grace of God. Not by covering them when we are not right in heart, but are wrong and undone before God.

Doom and only doom, awaits those who are living in sin and covering it up in a wicked unwashed heart.

'Tis the blood that purges the heart, "and without the blood there is no remission" no pardon, no refining, no purging, no forgiveness. We can thank those who help us to uncover and make our peace with God.

"Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three but the greatest of these is charity." (1 Cor. 13: 13). Charity is the love of God transferred into our hearts. Let us be like the faithful prophets, who went to the kings with God's reproof and gave them a chance to repent and forsake their unrighteousness and make their peace with God.

The Holy Spirit does not cover our sins when we are guilty, but He rebukes, reproves, admonishes and uncovers them, so that men's hearts are pricked and they repent and turn to God; unless this is done, we are lost and doomed for destruction. We are lost if our sins are not covered by the blood of the Lamb.

—Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

~~~~~ An Encouragement

This morning I am praising and thanking the dear Lord for salvation and for His wonderful love to all of his children. We have so much to thank and praise Him for; who has given his life for us, that we may reign with Him and enjoy his many blessings in this present world and when this life is ended, we have a home with Him in heaven.

I am still encouraged to go on and follow Jesus. By His help and grace I mean to go on unto the end. We know His grace is sufficient for every need and will be with us in every trial. God is just the same and will be the same to us as he was to the "three Hebrew children" when he permitted them to be put into the fiery furnace and gave them such victory and was also present to help them. "He is just the same yesterday, today and forever." So it makes no difference what our trials or sorrows or disappointments may be, if we only accept them from His loving hand, it will only be for our good and will draw us nearer to the Lord.

I was reading a story some time ago, of some sweet peas that were sown. The Lord so impressed it on my mind of how our trials helps us nearer to the Lord. I felt as though it may be some help and encouragement to some one else. A little girl had sown five sweet pea seeds, when they came up she put a string on three of them, for them to climb up on. She could only find a dirty knotty string for one of the other ones. And the other plant was left without any, but it was anxious to climb up too, where it could be

in the pure air and see the other flowers and to hear the sweet songs of the birds. So it noticed a small weed, it said, it was small to start to climb on, "but it leads upward." So it was encouraged to begin to climb, soon it came to a small twig and as before it took the opportunity to climb higher. It too looked very small, but it said, "it leads upward." And it kept climbing little by little and it made no difference how small the beginnings, it knew every opportunity it took and begin to climb, it would "lead upward."

So it is in our daily life, it seems all we do for the Lord is small, but if we just use the small talents we have, it will continue to lead upward and nearer to the Lord, where we can taste more of his love and enjoy His blessings. We (like the little sweet-pea) will go on and enjoy God's love. Sometimes He calls upon us to go through the greater trials and pass through many things we don't understand and seems hard at the time, but if we draw back and refuse to suffer with Jesus, we never can enjoy the many things the Lord has prepared for those who love and serve Him.

Let us see what the sweet-pea did. It was not satisfied just to be where it could hear the birds sing, but longed to be where it could enjoy everything as the other flowers did, and where it could see the other flowers over the garden wall. But here was the hardest trial of all. When it came to the dirty, knotty string it wanted to draw back, it did not want to climb such a thing as that and did not think it would be very much help, but as before it said, "it leads upward." So went on up the string and came up where it could see and enjoy all that it wished and could hear the beautiful songs and enjoy the many lovely things.

So it is with the children of God, it makes no difference how great the discouragements and how the "devil" tells us the trials are too hard. Let us just cling to the "Word" and the "Unchanging hand of God" and we will enjoy what He has for us in this world and can be with Him after the many trials and cares of life are done.

May the Lord bless and help each of us to do His will and never be discouraged, but just keep our eyes on Jesus and ever climb upward by His help and grace. And be like the sweet-pea, not be satisfied with just being saved and knowing our sins are forgiven. As the pea was not satisfied in just enjoying a part of the beautiful things, but let us strive each day to get nearer to the Lord and to live where we can best glorify God and be a greater blessing to others.

A Sister,

—Mary Glover.

What Is The Matter?

There is a general query in the minds of Christians all over the world, as to what is the matter with our Christian religion?

Philosophers of all classes are trying to solve the problem; yet it remains unsolved. If we try to call up Central over the telephone, and fail to get a response, we say there is something wrong, the line is out of order. If our electric lights go out, we know that the current is broken somewhere and search must be made, for we are left in the dark. If our Ford Car fails to run we look it all over to find the cause; at last we discover the gas channel is clogged up. It was a very small matter that caused the trouble; nevertheless it done the work. Although our delay may be the cause of great loss, yet you may worry over it ever so much, but that will not change it; we must find the cause.

"Lovest thou me more than these," might be well spoken even to our world-loving professed Christians of the present day. It is quite common today to hear of prayer meetings, praying for power. Our missionaries are asking us to pray for power, truly they need it and we need it, without it we fail, we will meet with defeat. What is the matter?

Joshua, what was the matter when you went against the city of Ai? Answer. Sin in Israel. See Jos. 7: 10-13, read this without fail. God has also forbidden the love of the world. (1 John 2: 15-16—James 4), read the entire chapter; ponder it in your hearts. Go and remove the accursed thing; God will not work out of harmony with his own divine law. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. When judgments are in the land my people learn righteousness, but **sin is a reproach** to any people.

I fear that modernism and popularity, has throttled in a great measure, old veterans of the cross and tied the hands of the Holy Ghost preachers and let down on judgments against pride and worldly conformity and immodesty and pleasure seekers, until our prayers avail but little for power with God.

God has made every provision for our escape from sin. There must be a clogged gas channel, the phone out of order; or something else wrong with the line. What is the matter? —R. H. Craig.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

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EDITORIALS

It has now been eleven days since we mailed out the January number of "Faith and Victory" and it is very refreshing to our souls to note the letters which have come in since that time, telling us of how that God has made the reading matter a blessing and a comfort to their souls; many of them are very poor people and could only receive the paper because it is sent to them free. The gospel printed and sent out free seems to have a hallowed effect upon readers, making them feel that some body really cares and are willing to sacrifice and give that others might be blessed and be at peace with God. There is so much coldness, graft and greed in the world today, that most people, especially the poor crushed and trampled down ones are suspicious and think that others are after their life's blood and it is necessary to prove to them by works of the Spirit that God's gift to man is free; as it has been freely given to us, we also freely give it to others. The plain clear teachings contained in the last paper, has received much approval from many of our readers and this makes us know that the writers are prompted by love divine, having the welfare of souls at heart. When the truth is clearly taught, backed up by pure motives in the heart, it touches souls and causes them to consider their ways, which may not be God's ways.

In sending out the printed gospel free, our faith is often tried severely, but it gives God a chance to show Himself strong and makes experiences very precious with the Lord. Last week our finances became very low, (which is often the case) but days went by until we had only three cents, a monthly bill to pay and food to buy. One morning it seemed very necessary that

we should have some money that day and before breakfast that morning a special delivery letter came from Ky. with a five dollar bill in it, our joy was great, in seeing the precious releasing hand of God manifested and also to know that God has a few souls scattered throughout the land who listen for and hear His voice, having willing obedient hearts.

In sending out the gospel free, it inspires others to do free-will acts, and thus the free-will service to God grows and increases in the souls of men and they who can, make sacrifices of love service to God and aid in printing and sending forth the truth of His word. In printing the gospel and sending it forth freely, one is thrown into unavoidable circumstances and have much responsibility that none but God fully knows about. The other morning when we arose from the nights sleep we realized an unusual quietness and calmness in our soul and as we slipped out to the office and went on our knees in prayer the Lord was so very near and precious, when we came in to breakfast the blessings and comfort of God was so great, that we cared very little for food and we received knowledge that there was tests ahead, we went to the office work with much confidence that God would see us through. That day the tract folder gave trouble and we were detained much with it and then the stitching machine broke, we took the parts to a mechanic and it seemed for a while that it could not be fixed, we looked to God, asking Him to enable the man to fix it and finally he did get it together, then another part of the stitcher broke and we went to another place with it and had it fixed; after getting it together, again, it was dark and thus we had spent the day, having done but very little of the work which we wanted to get done. We were worn in body and mind, but had peace and calmness in our souls through grace given from above, being thankful to God for encouraging our hearts just before the trying circumstances were upon us. The Lord is very gracious to all of His trusting, believing children and will be with them to make them bear up under all the trying circumstances of life. We exhort our readers to keep encouraged, knowing in whom you have believed, that He will never leave nor forsake you and having respect unto the recompense of reward let us draw nigh unto Him, having that assurance in our souls that some day after the last battle has been fought and won, we shall share with Him the riches of heaven and eternal glory.

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The Church of God, is not a man-made institution, but it is a divine body or building, organized by God Himself, Christ being its head and every member, a stone in the building, (1 Pet. 2: 5), or a branch on the vine. (John 15: 5). The Church of God is not a political party among many parties; but is the part of God that dwells on earth among men, for we are an "habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph.2: 22). Knowing these statements to be facts, it is useless and folly for those who are gradually losing sight of the

"True Church" to try to make themselves the body by politically scheming and organizing, they may, after much effort and wire pulling, get to themselves a body, but they will find to their sorrow and dismay that they as a body are like a cistern which becomes stagnant. A pool of water that is cut off from a living stream of fresh water, becomes stale and is filled with all kinds of slimey creatures, which move about and keep up much stir, but are doomed to certain death as they receive no fresh supply from a living stream.

Jeremiah the prophet speaking for God said, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, (the first evil) and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water." (the second evil) Jer. 2: 13. Many today have forsaken the ways of the Lord and have long since hewed them out cisterns and to those who are in touch with the living fountains, it is a sad corruptable mess having in their cages many wiggly, slimy creatures and hateful birds, others have freshly made their cages and some are forsaking in preparation for building and this is why there is so much stir in Christendom. Seeing and knowing that these things are taking place we warn the "Little flock" to be sure to keep in touch with God and walk right on in His ways.

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In the December and January number of "Faith and Victory," we printed a continued article entitled, "Walking in His Steps" written by Bro. G. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. There has been several written in and said that they would like to have this article in tract form so they could give it out to the many that are in need of such instruction and teaching. We have been estimating the cost of putting this article in tract form and find that we can print and circulate ten thousand of them for fifty dollars. If any one is led of the Lord to send this amount, we shall be glad to print and send them out as we believe that God will make it a help and blessing to many who are entangled with the spirit of pride and worldliness; perhaps you will be led to send part of the amount and others likewise helping, it can soon be printed and sent out.

Another article that should be in tract form is the one printed in the December number, entitled, "Pride and Worldliness" written by Sister Artie Bowers of Perdy, Mo. Ten thousand of them can be printed and circulated for twenty-five dollars. Who will co-operate with us in this work?

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The meetings have been blessed of God at the chapel and also at the jail and County farm; we are encouraged by the Lord to press the battle on against all kinds of sin and wickedness that is in so much evidence all about us. We have no time or desire to look back, no time to lay down our armour, Jesus is marching before, leading His army along and the echoes from heaven are constraining and enticing and with boldness and firmness we follow the Captain of our salvation, pressing forward for the prize of the high

calling in Christ Jesus. Remember us in your prayers as the "Prayers of a righteous man availeth much."

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The Gospel of John, printed in large quantities, can now be had for one cent a copy. What an opportunity this presents to sow the seed far and wide.

This book or Gospel of John, can be obtained from the below addresses.

The Gospel Evangelizing Association, 2909 Umattilla St., Denver, Colo. Or from the American Bible Society. New York City, New York.

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We have a good supply of Scripture text envelopes for sale at the rate of twenty-five for fifteen cents or forty cents per hundred. We pay the postage on them to you.

OBITUARIES

Sister Julia F. Myers, former Evangelist and Pastor for the Church of God, died at her home 575 East ninth St. Pomona, Calif. on Tuesday morning Jan. 14th at 12:20 o'clock.

She was saved at the age of eighteen. And for thirty-five years was minister in the Church of God, as pastor and evangelist.

Sister Myers came to Pomona, Calif. four years ago to be with her children.

She was married to Hiram Myers, a veteran of the Civil War in 1879. To them was born one daughter. Sister Myers was born near St. James, Mo. on May 23, 1854. She is survived by her daughter Cora Logue of Pomona, Calif. Her step-son, Eldah Myers, one brother, John C. Bolin of Indiana, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services by the writer—Texts—Rev. 20: 6. Second Tim. 4: 7-8. —G. E. Harmon.

Sister, thou has't gone and left us,
And we mourn thy loss most deep;
But in Heaven we hope to meet thee,
Where none ever wakes to weep.

Charles P. Edwards, was born near Montgomery, Ala. in May 1853, died Jan. 28, 1929 at 7:15 A. M. He was reared near Russellville, Ark. He was married to Miss. Mary Harbroson in 1876 and to this union were born eleven children, eight of whom survive.

He was a loving husband, a dutiful father. Always with his familys' interest at heart. He lived and walked among his fellowman beloved by all who knew him.

He was conscious until the last, he prayed a beautiful prayer and his parting words were that he was ready to go and that he was going to meet his wife, who had preceded him. He leaves to mourn his demise, five sons, three daughters, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends.

The funeral service was held at the saint's Chapel, on Thursday Jan. 30th. Services were conducted by

Fred Pruitt. A large number of relatives and friends attended the service. The text used, is found in Psa. 90: 2.

A NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS

A notice! to ministers and gospel workers, no one is excluded.

The state ministers meeting of the evening light reformation, will convene in Tulsa, Okla. as usual. Beginning Wednesday, May the 8th. This is a meeting worth attending. Ministers and workers from different states are heartily invited to come.

Now, ministers everywhere get ready to be present. The saints in Tulsa make effort to care for all that come. No fare paid to ministers unless he is fully unable to bear his expense. For particulars, write L. Fellows. 1716 N. Peara Ave. Tulsa, Okla. or S. E. Smith. 1352 N. Iraquoise St. Tulsa, Okla. Full particulars will be given later. —S. T. Walker. 929 So. Sanjoaquin St. Stockton, Calif.

To The Holy Brethren Scattered Abroad

In Titus 1: 5 we read, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, (or left undone) and ordain elders in every city, as I have appointed thee."

I feel impressed to write from this point, especially as we represent the cause that Paul represented, and the needs of the cause are as great now as it was then; and the prosperity of the cause depends much on the order of the cause.

Notice! the emphasis, set in order the things that are wanting. Now if it was necessary then to ordain elders in every city, I still feel the need today; really I do feel that our hands have been too slack on this work of the Church.

We notice Paul again speaking of the things that come upon him without, besides the care of all the churches. (2 Cor. 11: 28). Now if there need be some one to have the care of the churches then, I am still persuaded it need be so today.

I believe there have been serious mistakes made on this very line, there have been congregations raised up by present labor of some ministers and then just turned loose like a bunch of children without any parents. Just to jangle on; all be leaders and no one to entrust with the work.

My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Oh, but says one, ordaining don't help them in preaching. Yea but I wish to inform that it does, it gives them more authority to execute the judgments of God; also

it makes the saints to recognize them more highly. Then too, it causes ministers to recognize the labor of these brethren more. It makes them fearful to go to a congregation and side in with the saints against a minister.

Ministers, we must acknowledge, we have seen the hand of God on some young brother or sister; yet we just let it run by, instead of recognizing that gift and keeping them stirred up by telling them to make full proof of their ministry and not neglect the gift given by laying on hands of the Presbytery. Older ministers keep close touch with them. That would beat a congregation just dragging along and thinking no one can help them, but old ministers. We must get it in the mind of the saints to have more respect for the young ministers. It won't be long until the old ministers will drop off the walls to be heard no more. Ministers will drop off the walls to be heard no more. Then if you have no respect for the young ministers, what will the Church be then.

I trust I will not be misunderstood in this matter, I do not mean to ordain everything, that calls itself a preacher, but when we can see the hand of God on a brother or sister, I believe we ought to recognize it. Ordination, is almost getting to be a thing of the past; brethren, let us have things in order.

There is much more in my mind, this may be continued. Yours for the progress of the cause,

—S. T. Walker. 929 So. Sanjoaquin St.,
Stockton, Calif.

Observation

While sitting in a train waiting to start homeward I noticed a young couple and an elderly lady entering the coach shortly after I did, taking seats across the aisle. They were strangers to me, from their conversation I understood that the elderly lady was the young man's mother, it being about time for the train to start the young man took his leave very affectionately from his wife while he hardly noticed his mother. I could not help but notice his mother's loving longing look which followed him. No doubt those same eyes watched over him when he was helpless; the same hands longing for a farewell pressure guided his tottering feet, she no longer was admirable, her hair was arranged as a Christian's hair should be. His wife's hair was bobbed and her dress in harmony with her hair. Mother was just old fashioned, I handed her some tracts which she thankfully accepted.

What a blessing to be enabled to be hid away in God, so when kindred and friends turn us down because we are not of the world, we can hide away beneath the shade of the cross and He will keep us as

“the apple of His eye.” Praise the Lord.

While visiting an old soldier's home, an old lady begged me to take her back to her old home. I would have gladly granted her request had it been possible, she was not wanted at her old home. The commandment “Honor thy father and mother,” is as binding as ever; the majority of young people these days give the old folks no thought only when favors are expected.

Pride, self love, worldly pleasures are filling our public institutions, our orphan's homes as well as the old people's homes. Most of us remember reading the story in an old reader, where a young father found his little son endeavoring to make a little trough, the father asked the ambitious youngster, “what he was doing?” Oh, I am just making a little pig-trough for you, like the one you made for Grandpa.” Grandpa was invited to the table after that. “Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” It is surely a great privilege to be preserved when old, instead of being pickled and raspy. By living close to the Lord, any one can be bearing fruit in old age, until the Lord calls. come up higher. I firmly believe the Lord will enable His faithful, trustful children to help themselves so they will be no burden to any one. Some morning they will awake in heaven, their chair down here will be vacant.

Dear Grandma M. C.—among other things in her testimony said, “I've been a Pilgrim in this earth nearly ninety-seven years and there is not much for me to live for in this world, but praise the Lord, there is the beautiful BEYOND. —Marie Pauline Sass.

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Awake! Awake!

Awake! Awake! Oh sleeper, God is calling for thee, why dost thou sleep when we are so near eternity. Hell awaits for all those who are not ready. Come now dear soul and enter into God's rest and then you may be supremely blest through out the endless age's of eternity.

Why do you linger on in sin and misery? Thy soul is lean and needs to be made fat in the love of God. Oh, dear sinner; how can you be satisfied in yourself without Christ, who died such a death for you? Come sinner, don't be so slow to give God your heart; for he is soon to come and then he will not hearken unto your cry. Call upon God now for deliverance, that you may be worthy of his eternal love.

“How long wilt thou sleep. O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Prov. 6: 9. Thou art foolish dear soul, who will sleep away his life and not give his time and talents unto the Lord.

“Treasures and wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.” Prov. 10: 2.

Thou art dead in trespasses and sin and the only way that you can be delivered, is through the blood atonement, which Christ made for thee. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Rom. 3: 23. But praise God; all have redemption through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by accepting his mercy please read, Rom. 3: 25. “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.”

Now dear soul you are only foolish when you will not give God your life; for he in the first place gave life unto you and Satan, that old serpent, robbed God of you through sin. Now, why not give back to God what already belongs to Him. Dear soul it is only a step over the line to repentance; just simply say, yes Lord I will be thine, wash me in thy atoning blood.

You dear soul, may feel that you are good enough and do not need a Savior, but I say unto you, that if this is your thought you are surely deceiving yourself. For the word says, “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Prov. 14: 12. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.” Prov. 3: 5.

God is calling all people out of their sins and is giving all a chance to be saved. Why will you not accept his pardon; while his mercy is extended out to you? He says, “Because I have called and ye refused I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded it; but ye have set at naught all my counsel and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear cometh.” Prov. 1: 24-26.

Read Psa. 51: 1-19. And if you are a sinner, just pray the same prayer, which David prayed and God will hear the prayer which comes from an honest heart.

“The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

—Ethel Lasley.

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Olivet, Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting you once more in the precious name of Jesus: It has been some time since I have written you. But while I have been silent, yet, I have not forgotten you in my prayers. I often pray that God will help you and the workers there, to keep the publishing work clean, as a clean paper can do much for lost souls. It certainly is one way in getting the Truth to lost souls where there would be no other way in reaching them.

I am sending you a little mite for the work. I often feel grieved to think I cannot do more for the Publishing Work, but the little mites help to send the Gospel to some precious soul, who may be longing for

the truth. I want you to continue sending Faith and Victory to me, as it is a clean paper and I like to read the good articles and testimonies it contains.

Well, the Old Year has come and gone, and another year has begun. The Lord has dealt very graciously with me in the past year. Last Spring I had a very serious spell of sickness, but the Lord in His goodness and mercy, spared my life and restored me to health once more. I was taken with the grippe.

At first the pain started in my head. I took it to the Lord in prayer, and the Lord took the pain away, then it went to my throat. I got so bad I could scarcely talk or swallow. I took it to the Lord again to heal my throat, which He did. Then the pain went back to my head again. The pain in my head was so severe that it seemed unless the Lord would soon relieve me of the terrible suffering that was in my head, I would go insane. I kept looking to the Lord for deliverance, but got no better. I could not understand why the Lord did not answer my prayers as He had before. It seemed the Lord had forsaken me. I finally got so bad it seemed I could not stay in bed any longer, (this was in the night) I got up and husband took me on his lap and held me for awhile. He asked me if there was anything that I had done that the Lord would not heal me. I said, no, the Lord had not showed me anything. Well, I finally went back to bed again and continued to wait upon the Lord. While I was wondering why the Lord did not answer, all at once there was a bright light shone into the bed-room and the whole room was lit up. At first I could not understand what it all meant, and I finally raised up in bed and looked around to see if there was a lamp in my room, but there was none, and the light in the room was brighter than lamp light. As I was looking toward the foot of the bed, the shape of a hanging lamp appeared hanging from the ceiling down toward the foot of the bed. I began to wonder what it all meant, and as I was thinking about it, these words came to me, "He is with me still." Then I knew that God had not forsaken me, and all was well with my soul. This all happened about midnight; in the morning the pain in my head was about gone. To God be all the glory.

Well, then came another testing time. It had gone down into my right lung, but my trust was still in the Lord. I began coughing and raising, and I continued coughing and raising for about eighteen hours, when my coughing began to cease, my husband made the remark, "I never heard anyone in all my life cough and raise like you do." I could feel that my lung was clearing up; but in coughing and raising up in bed, I think I must have caught cold and it went over into my left lung and then came another testing time. My left lung closed up and I could not raise a thing. I had to cough, but it was a dry, harsh, raking cough. I knew unless the Lord would soon touch my left lung and heal it, I would not be here long. I got to where I was reconciled to go or stay. God's will be done. Either way was alright with me, but the good Lord had a purpose in sparing my life a little longer, and

He finally restored me back to health once more. My lungs today, are sound and well; while the Lord had completely healed me, yet the sickness had practically left me with but very little vitality, and it took me about all Summer to get my strength back. But today I am as well and strong as in my usual health. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Oh, it pays to fully trust the Lord all the way. If we do have some severe testing times, it only increases our faith in God and makes us stronger in the Lord for the next trial or testing time we may have to pass through.

Well, I must close by wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year in the Lord. And my prayer is, that God will continue to bless and increase the Publishing work more and more until we can have a weekly Faith and Victory. Your Sister in the Lord.
—Mrs. Lemuel Wright.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear saints: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. I am glad tonight I can say, I am saved and living for the dear Lord; willing to continue to follow Him wheresoever he leads. My soul craves to be more like Him. Praise his dear name. He has been so good to me, I cannot count all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me. I want to be faithful unto death. I want to be watchful and prayerful, so that I will be numbered with the faithful few.

I praise the dear Lord for letting me be in the "Young Peoples' Meeting." Knowing that God has got some young folks living for him. I want to be a help to the young people and encourage them all I can.

Dear ones, I need your prayers, I want to be up and a doing the will of my Father. My heart is stirred to see the ministers carrying this wonderful truth to the people in places where it has as yet not been preached. He says, "Go preach my gospel to all creatures." Dear ones, I want to see the gospel preached to people who are hungry for it. Praise his dear name for this wonderful salvation, that saves from all sin and keeps us in perfect peace. Bless his dear name.

I thank the Lord for the wonderful lesson I learned at the Guthrie assembly meeting. I do not want to tell so much what the enemy is doing; but I want to tell what Jesus is doing.
—Mrs. Annie Wiley.

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Jefferson City, Mo.—Dear friends, I am in need of your literature; I received it quite a while, but it has stoped coming. I have received benefit from it.

I am serving a ten year prison sentence; I have served half of the time. I have been reading the Bible and other good literature since I have been here. I intend to be a Christian man the rest of my days.

I am forty-one years old, and have a wife and six children, three girls and three boys. They are at home waiting my return. I want you to please send me the paper; also one to my dear family, if it is not asking too much. They attend church and their address is: P. W. Rozell, R. 2. Sporto, Mo. My address is: Jefferson City, Mo. Box. 47.
—P. W. Rozell.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Little Kindnesses

YOU'LL REAP A CROWN SOMETIME—SOMEWHERE.

You gave on the way a pleasant smile
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair,
You'll reap a crown sometime—somewhere.

You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, new promise stirred,
And painted a life with beauties;
And so for the word and its silent prayer
You'll reap a palm sometime—somewhere.

You lent a hand to a fallen one,
A lift in kindness given;
It saved a soul when help was none
And won a heart for heaven;
And so for the help you proffered there
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair,
You'll reap a crown sometime—somewhere.
—Sel. by Anna Oyer.

TALENTS

Dear children, it is in the blessed name of our Saviour, that we will try to talk about our talents. Do you know what is meant by a talent? A talent is a God-given gift, something that is not obtainable by man. I suppose you all know the story of how God created the world and everything therein. He first created all the animals and fowls of the air and after He had created them, He saw that it was needful to have some one to look after them, to care for them. So we find that He created man in His own image; man was the highest in creation and was made to rule over the beasts of the field. God had made him different than the animals, because He intended him to render unto God his best service and to carry on His work upon earth. Therefore He made him like His own image, (or likeness) and gave unto him different talents or gifts in which He intended to be used to glorify God with.

We find that some people have different talents than others; also some have more than others. Why do you suppose this should be? Well, there may be different reasons, but one reason is, that some people are more capable to take care of several talents; where others who are not as capable only have one or two.

God knows what is best for each one of us, so let us be satisfied with the talents God has given us.

Jesus taught us by a parable, of the three men that were given talents. (Matt. 25: 14-31). In the parable he likens the kingdom of heaven as a man traveling into a far country, who called his servants and delivered unto them their goods. Unto one he gave *five talents*, to another *two*, and to another *one*; to every man according to his several ability; then he went on his journey. Notice! it says, "to every man according to his several ability." or in other words, what they could easily use. Now this parable was given as a lesson for us. God is the one who Jesus was trying to represent, when he told us of the man taking a far journey. God gives each one of us a talent, some more than others, as He sees we use them to His glory.

The one which he gave five talents, let us see what he done with them: "Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents." We find here that this man made good use of his talents and gained five more. Now let us see what the second one did with his: "And likewise he that had received two, he also gained two." Here we see this one was not capable of having five, but made good use of the two; had gained two more. Now we will see what the third one did with his: "But he that had received one, went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money."

Dear children, do you think that this man that had only one talent, did right by hiding his lord's money? No, he did not do right, neither was his master pleased with him. We find as we read further, that the lord (master) of these servants came back and inquired about his servants; he was wondering how they used their talents. We find he was well pleased with the two that made good use of their talents and had gained more. And said unto them. "Well done, thou good and faithful servants, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." But what did he say to the one that hid his lord's money? "Thou *wicked and slothful servant*, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed." He also said to take from him the talent which he had, and give it to him which had the ten talents. We also find that the end of such a person is everlasting punishment.

Now dear children, the Lord has given each one of you a talent; some gift, that He expects you to use for Him. Perhaps you have only one talent, but the Lord wants you to exercise it, so that you will be able to receive another gift. When we work faithfully for the Lord and use the talents He gives us. He will bless us and give us more talents. You don't want to be

like the man that had only one and did not even use it, but buried it. His reward was punishment, and the one talent was taken from him.

Dear children, the Lord loves you and has given you some talent to use for Him; so don't be idle and not use it, but exercise it like the two men that were called by their master, "good and faithful servant." Let us do something for Jesus, He has done so much for us. He will come again, so let us be found doing something for Him, that He may be able to say of you and I, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Your friend in Jesus, —William Cramer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ at Faith Pub. House: Will you permit a stranger to take up a few minutes of your time. I want to thank you for mailing "Faith and Victory" to me, it has meant so much to me; it has helped me to see the Bible in a new light and helped to lead me to Christ, when I was just a church member and hopelessly lost. Perhaps if I tell you my story, you will understand better what it has meant to me.

When I was a child, I was raised by parents who cared nothing about God. When I was about nine years old as near as I remember; one day my mother sent me down into the woods, below the house to get some wood for her and as a child some times will do, I did not hurry, but sat down on a log beneath a big oak tree, while there, the Lord spoke to me and told me he wanted me to serve Him and not the Devil. And I must not do like the rest of the family. And the first thing I knew I was on my knees asking the Lord to forgive my sins and telling Him I would serve Him as long as I lived. And friends, He poured out his blessings on my soul and there was such a wonderful light shone around me, I cannot describe it.

Well, I went back to the house, it seemed I was walking on the air. I had a joy in my heart, I never had before and I told mother. But it didn't seem to have much effect on her at that time. But praise God I kept right on serving the Lord the best I knew for several years and then we moved to town and I went to the worldly affairs and lost all the joy out of my heart.

Now friends, you will probably think I had been going to a Revival Meeting and heard about God, but at the time of my conversion I had never been inside of a church and I had never heard a prayer and if any one had ever mentioned God to me I don't remember it. But now that I had lost the joy out of my heart my life seemed so empty I came to a place where I didn't understand what was the matter and I had no one to help me. About that time an Advent minister came into town and mother became an Advent. One day he was visiting at our house, I told him my experience. He said, you have done something that displeased God. now at the close of my meeting tonight

you come up and give me your hand and that will show the world you have repented and you will be all right. I was now thirteen years old, I did what he told me, but I didn't feel a bit better, but the minister said, when you are baptized you will feel different, but I didn't. He said, well, don't tell any one about it, I think it is your nerves; join the church and you will grow in grace. But in the fifteen years I was a member, I never had a real blessing of God on my soul.

But praise God, "Faith and Victory" began to come to me and I was like some one who was starved, I just devoured it and began to read my Bible and to call on God to send some one to our town who knew God and would stand up for Him what ever the cost. Praise His holy name, He answered my prayer. One day I told my married sister (not a Christian) how I felt she said, I am going to send a man of God to call on you when I go home. A week later a minister and his wife came visiting us, they told me I needed to get right with God again, that I was wrong, and told me Adventism was wrong. They asked permission to hold some meetings from my home. My husband was willing. The house and yard would not hold the crowds, so we opened up an old blacksmith shop for a three week service. During the meeting I was saved and then sanctified. I married while an Advent and am the mother of five children, a girl and four boys. My mother, a sister and two brothers and my little daughter have accepted the holiness way. All the Advents but one family stepped out for God and we are using the Advent Church to worship God in the true way.

Pray for me, I am sending you a small offering, this is all I can spare at present, as my husband has had no work for some time, but I hope to send a larger offering later. Will you send me six papers to give out each issue, I will see they are placed where they will do good. Will you pray with me, that my husband and father also my other brother and sisters will come to Christ. Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Martha B. Davis, OF OHIO.

Morgantown, Ky.—Dear Bro. Fred Pruitt: I will write you a few lines. About six years ago, I found Jesus precious to my soul and ever since I have been trying to tell the people about Him. For "Jesus is the way the truth and the life."

Well some one may want to know what church I belong to. Please read, Eph. 5: 25-27. "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious Church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Yes, Jesus has a holy church. Read Isaiah 35: 8, "And an high way shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." In second Cor. 7: 2 it says, "Dearly beloved let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and the spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of

God." And we find in the first chapter of 1 Cor. 2, "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints."

Well, Bro. Pruitt about a year ago, I got the first "Faith and Victory," and I think they have the right name. I want all you dear saints to pray for me. Close with love and best wishes.

From your Bro. in Christ Jesus,—George Lindsey.

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Gore, Okla.—Dear Sister Pruitt and all: Today I certainly feel led to send my testimony for the Lord. All though I am heavily burdened, but praise the Lord I am still saved and looking to Jesus the one who heals and keeps us saved. Praise the Lord.

I just want to try to tell you how wonderfully the dear Lord was to us last night. We have been married two years and have had two baby girls. We lost the first one at the age of sixteen days; but praise the Lord the other one is fourteen days old today. I am going to try to tell you what the Lord did for us last night the best I can. It seems like the Lord wants me to, but Satan says, "what a failure you are going to make;" but praise the Lord, I'll do my best.

My husband has not taken a dose of medicine for over three years; but I have used medicine all my life; and still kept using it after I was saved, on account of unsaved parents. We were both saved when married. My husband trusted the Lord for everything, but I still held to my medicine till last night. Praise the Lord. About four o'clock yesterday afternoon, my little baby just seemed to die, we could only feel one little pulse beating, you could not see her breath and she looked and felt as she was dead; her bowels locked and we had given her all kinds of medicine and done all we knew to do. It seemed as if she was entirely gone, I sent for my mother who lives seven miles away to come doctor the baby; but she got so low, we first got down and went to calling on God to help us. We live where there are no saints to pray with us; but husband's brother and one sister was here and we certainly did call on God that morning. My folks were all unsaved, and we knew that there would be no help to pray when they come. There were but few of us to pray, but thank God he said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I shall be in their midst." Praise the Lord. I told the Lord if he would raise my baby, when she was that low, I would quit my medicine and stop giving it to her. Thank God! in ten to fifteen minutes you could see the baby breathing good; in about thirty minutes her bowels moved and she raised up and rested good and went to sleep.

When my mother came in we were all sitting around our baby that was sleeping good. She asked, "What is wrong." I told her nothing now, the Lord had healed our baby. She looked at her and said, she needed some medicine. I told her I didn't want to give her any medicine. She said, all right, that was just up to us. So we took the baby to bed, she slept

good all night and seemed just as well as any baby the next day. Praise the Lord.

I think the Lord wanted me to trust Him more. So by the help and grace of God I am through with my medicines. But friends we ask the prayers of you all, that you will continue to pray for our baby; also that the Lord will give us work at such a place that we can be permitted to worship with the saints.

Friends, I sure do want to thank you for the little paper, it has done so much for me, I am always so glad to get it. Your little paper, "Faith and Victory" is worth dollars to me, it is such good food to my soul. Please continue sending it, I will send an offering as soon as possible.

Must close for this time, please pray for me, that the Lord will give me more faith and that I might ever stand true and trust Him.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Bertha Smith.

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Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family: Fresh greetings in the New Year, through the tender mercies and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. His great love and the perfect plan of Salvation becomes more precious as we experience it on in this strait and narrow way—the way that is despised and scorned at by the world, but "we know in whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day." Praise His name. He is wholly worthy.

I was certainly glad to get your letter, Bro. Pruitt and to hear of how the work is progressing there.

My time has been very fully taken up so I didn't get at writing you a letter sooner. Bro. Lee has been visiting with me and have been around to the different places. He lives on the other Island, has also been for eighteen years in the Salomon Islands. His experience and fellowship were very helpful.

I hope the Assembly Meeting was a success in every way and that all of you are starting on the New Year with freshened and renewed courage. Give my best love to dear Bro. William Cramer. I know the Lord richly blesses him at his work. Give my love to all the saints. I must close as the boat for home is leaving today. Will write later as I'll have more time.

Your Bro. for Jesus and souls. —Robert Longley.

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Merritt, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and workers: I send greetings in His precious name. Today finds me in the faith, still encouraged to press the battle on until the victory is won.

How we ought to thank and praise the Lord for the faithful few. When we look around us and see so much sin and worldliness, even among the so-called-Christians. We want to cry out, "Lord give us a prayer for our lips to utter, that will reach the hearts of people and cause them to seek the Lord while he may be found, to call upon Him while he is near. That scripture seems to signify that he might not always be found. Oh! how sad to think of calling for our Lord and then cannot be found of Him; when he is the only

one that can deliver us from sin.

Dear unsaved souls, *today*, think of your condition; if you should be called to meet God unprepared, I can think of nothing sadder than that. But on the other hand, I can think of nothing sweeter or more glorious than to be ready and watching, for we know not the hour when He shall appear or when death shall claim us.

Pray for me, dear readers of "Faith and Victory" that I'll ever be faithful to my Lord and His cause.

Your sister in Christ, —Lucy Raussean.

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Bradford, Ark.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus precious name. I still get "Faith and Victory" and I never want to be without it. It is just full of soul-food. I want to witness for Jesus. He sweetly saves, sanctifies and satisfies.

I was converted when young, at the age of fourteen. When I first read of holiness, I sought the experience and claimed to receive it several times, but I did not really understand it fully or lost it some way. I know I would neglect secret prayer and would feel a lack some way and let me say, I believe that is about where all our failures begin, in neglecting prayer. I found carnality in my heart. Oh, how my heart ached and cried out for a real heart cleansing. I was so unhappy, I thought I never could be happy again. I could not get victory over my tongue, I kept praying until I finally dug down and prayed through. I want to say God has healed me several times. And I want to go all the way with Him. I have no desire for the worldly pleasures. I like your stand against worldly dressing.

Dear ones, remember us in prayer. I have four small children. Oh, it would be awful to know that my little daughter would dress and do like most girls now days. How careful mothers should be how they begin dressing them. I see so many Christian mothers putting short sleeves and no sleeves at all on their little girls and short socks, bobbing their hair. Oh! God, help us mothers to train our children for the skies.

Your Sister in Christ, —Zelma Bright.

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Sumner, Wash.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in the name of Jesus, who has loved us with an everlasting love and gave his life for us, that we may have life eternal.

I was rejoiced when I read Bro. Hicks and Bro. Harmon's epistles. There were other pieces also, but I do praise God that He still has a few men and women that are not ashamed to preach the plain word of God. They are true watchmen on the walls of Zion.

It seemed to me that every time I went to a sect meeting where I had the pleasure of testifying for my Lord, the only message I would get was on pride and foolishness. The ladies would try to pull their skirts down, but was impossible as the Bro. and Sisters in "Faith and Victory" says, "Half clad, professing holiness and advertising the styles of this world." Is

it not a shame and yet they glory in their shame. Praise the Lord, by His help I am going on with Jesus.

The Lord does so encourage me when I see the saints' writings in "Faith and Victory," tearing down the strong hold of Satan, for surely he is the god of this world. It is just as you say Bro. Pruitt, when you hold people to Bible lines, they begin to cry fanaticism. Just watch those that are making such a cry and you will see them flirting with the world or upholding another person that is. Don't the word tell us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves? Let us watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. Truly the harvest is ripe and the reapers few. Many false reapers helping souls into hell and the worst of it is, some of our loved ones are among this class. So many living in their own strength, for how could they get tired of this old persecuted way? It is the way our Master trod. It is truly a blessed way, for Jesus says it is. I have proved it for myself. Praise His dear name, by his help I intend to go on.

So much can be said to encourage the writers in "Faith and Victory," but space will not allow it now; but the dear Lord will reward them if they only stay true to Him. We must be so careful, for He is a jealous God. Praise His dear name. He has a right to be He has given his precious life for us. How true we should be to this Holy Bridegroom; our true husband that Paul said he espoused us too.

It is my desire to be true to Him and by His grace I intend to live for Him.

Yours in Jesus' name, —Mrs. Alvin Tontz.

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Forest City, Mo.—To the readers of "Faith and Victory," I send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. May the blessings of God rest upon each faithful child of his and encourage your hearts to seek first the Kingdom of God and set your affections on things above.

Tonight finds me praising the God of heaven for unnumbered blessings bestowed upon me, as I trust Him and seek to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. How close we need to live to Jesus in these evil days; so much deception in the world and the love of many is waxing cold. as I look out and see so many drifting farther from God, becoming a little more like the world; my heart is filled with a sadness that words fail to express.

Let us take a look at the cruel cross upon which Jesus suffered and died for us, when we were lost in sin. Let us take up the cross and follow Jesus each day, willing to bear its shame and reproach. "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him." (2 Tim. 2: 12). So let us keep near the cross willing to suffer for Jesus through this short life that we might dwell with Him while the years of eternity roll. Blessed thought indeed to those who are laying their treasures above, where moth nor rust doth not corrupt. Jesus is soon coming for his own, for those who have remained true through all the trials, temptations and have looked to Jesus to guide them aright through the try-

ing hours when others were departing from the faith.

So be encouraged dear saints of God, there is still a few who have their faces set heavenward, determined to never look back. God is still on the throne and is looking down upon his faithful few; telling us, "still to press on, all heaven lies before us." We must run the race with patience, if we will wear a crown.

My soul is greatly encouraged to follow where ever Jesus leads, obeying his every command. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name, and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

May the blessings of God rest upon each reader of "Faith and Victory," is the prayer of my heart. Please remember me in your prayers.

Your Sister for the Gospel, —Susie Whipple.

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Loranger, La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Dear saints of God, may the dear Lord ever bless and encourage your hearts to be true to Him and also may He supply your every need in temporal things, that you may keep the little paper "Faith and Victory" on the move for God and may it find its way into more homes, and thus gladden more hearts with its messages of saving truths.

We surely are living in perilous times, when wolves are appearing in sheep's clothing, trying to deceive the very elect. Sad to say, many are falling prey to deception and going back to the things of the world and upbrading as fanatic and extreme, those who will not fall in with the tide of compromise.

God saved our souls from sin, pride and the love of the world about fourteen years ago. Thank God, we are standing by the convictions and old time Bible truths that He imprinted in our hearts then and it grows brighter all the while. Amen.

Enclosed find a little offering for your use, wish we could send more, as we believe you are doing a clean work for God. We want you to send us your paper as we have read a few copies and it teaches the truth in its fullness.

Your Bro. and Sister in the One body of Christ,
—L. L. Perry and Wife.

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Forest City, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May God bless you in your work for the Lord. We are always glad when the little paper reaches us.

I feel like Jesus would have me tell what He done for me. I had the Flu a few days ago and it left me with a pain in my head, I was walking the floor when we called for prayer and in just a few minutes the pain was all gone and I finished the supper that mother had started and I felt fine. Praise God, for His healing power. He has healed us many times; so glad we trust in God. From a Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Floyd Knapp.

It Is Finished

How many people of today professing Christianity, realize the importance of the last words of our Savior, when on the cross? The majority of the people of these last days, while professing to be followers of our Lord, seem to think or at least show by their actions and teaching that the great sacrifice he made coming to this old sinful earth and allowing his precious blood to be shed for the people of this world; was just a little vacation to him and that while here he arranged to start a work to be completed at some future time. Thus like the Jews, making his wonderful sacrifice a failure.

When hanging on the cruel cross, he uttered these words; "It is finished." What is finished?—The Great plan of Redemption. In his prayer, John 17: 4 to the Father, he says, "I have finished the work thou hast given me to do." He does not say, I have started it and will come back in some future time and take one thousand years to do it in. But while hanging on the cruel tree, He said, "It is finished." Praise His holy name.

Now the question that comes to our mind is; what was the work the Father had given him to do?—

First—When we look away back to the time of Adam; when the transgression of God's law by Adam, brought spiritual death upon all mankind. God through his infinite love, planed a way of redemption for fallen man in the resurrection. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 15: 22, "As in Adam all die, even so in Jesus Christ, shall all be made alive." Here we see the purpose of God in sending his only son to this sin benighted world. (Redemption) The Psalmist tells us in the 111 Psalm He sent redemption unto his people; holy and reverend is his name. So by this we see the one great work was to bring redemption.

Second—He came to fulfill the law. In the 3rd. chapter of Galatians 13th verse, Paul tells us, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law." When he hanged upon the cross.

Third—In Eph. 2 :15, we see another purpose. The apostle tells us, He came to make of twain, one New man (Jews and Gentiles). This was done by the preaching of the gospel.

Fourth—And last, but not least, He came to set up his Kingdom; a spiritual kingdom which was completed on the cross. Then it was he became a perfect Saviour, a complete Redeemer, a perfect King, with an everlasting Kingdom. Praise his holy name.

Brethren, we are living in the time of the "sixth trumpet," a time when Satan is loosed in the last great struggle; using all the powers of darkness to deceive and destroy the works of our redeemer. Even bringing down fire. (Rev. 13: 13). This is done by and through the word which is used by the false prophets, to mislead and deceive the poor honest souls who want to serve God. He (Satan) like the man who makes a counterfeit dollar; uses some of the genuine

metal to cover up the spurious and the thicker the coat the more deceptive and the more destructive it becomes. Satan realizes that his time is short; therefore has put on a cloak as an angel of light and by using a coating of the truth (God's word) he is using all kinds of false doctrines to deceive God's chosen ones.

Brethren, let us put on the whole armor (the word) and fight manfully the fight of faith; and stand out boldly against all of the deceptions of Satan. I know it will bring persecutions; it brought them to the apostles, martyrs and the brethren that brought the light to us in this evening time. Why should we expect less than they. May God help us to take up the cross and follow the example laid down by our blessed King. He said, "I have left you an example." Praise His name.

Yes brethren, He has finished his part. Has taken over his kingdom and we, if we are his subjects and are reigning with him, we must put on the **WHOLE ARMOR** and help beat back the powers of Satan. Yes his physical work on this earth is finished, but he has left us his sword, a dangerous weapon, unless skillfully handled, as it cuts both ways. But thank God he has provided a competent Teacher to all of his followers, if they will follow his instructions in the Holy Spirit.

Paul tells us in Eph. 6: 11-18, to put on the whole armor and to stand. Brethren, when we look back only a few years and see how many of the bright and shining stars that have gone down since this evening light began to shine; it behoves us to keep the sword shining bright and ready at all times; and wield it with all of the power given us.

May God help all of his dear ones, is my prayer.
—W. M. Wolcott.

Clearlake, Iowa.—Dear ones in the true Church, Jesus Christ. We are all brothers and sisters in the Spirit of Jesus, the only Church. We are born into that Church. Jesus made this known to me when I was born again, born of the Spirit of God and I am standing on the promises of God. Jesus is just the same today. (Heb. 13: 8). Praise His precious name.

Yes, He is my wonderful Saviour, I have taken Him for my great physician; my personal Saviour and my personal Physician, He has been for the last twenty-five years or more. He hears and answers me, when I call upon Him to heal me or whatsoever I call upon Him to do, when it is for my good and His glory. Praise His precious name.

He healed me of Consumption, nineteen years ago next Spring. My husband passed away with the same disease twenty years ago next Spring. Oh, how I do thank him and praise him for his wonderful power. Oh, dear child of God, I cannot write and tell you how I do love His Holy Spirit and how his presence encourages my heart. Yes, He is surely real to me, but I long to get nearer to Him. I shall never be satisfied till I see Him face to face. I surely hear his sweet voice whispering to me many a time and feel His power within. Yes, I have felt the pains go out and I have

felt His strength come in my body. I am glad to know I am in the will of God; it is all glory to my soul.

Surely the Holy Ghost has taken His abode in my heart. And as long as I stay with Jesus, he will stay with me. Praise His precious name.

Yours for Jesus, —Mrs. Leach.

Sparks, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I received the tracts for which I thank you. I have not handed them all out yet; I haven't got many of them left. I also received your kind letter.

I gave an old man one of the "Faith and Victory" papers and just before he moved away, he came to bid me good-bye; he said, I want to thank you for that paper, for it is the best paper I ever had read. The people all like to read them and some of them ask for more of the tracts.

I want to do all I can, I am seventy-eight years old, so I can't do much, but I am willing to do all I can. I am a widow. Send the paper and tracts whenever you can and I will do all I can.

Please pray for me, that I may do all that the Lord wants me to.

Yours in the one body, —Sarah A. Sorrels.

THE CHURCH

BY C. M. HICKS.

The Church, and Churches are discussed much now a days and infact has been I suppose, but we desire to speak particular of the one that Jesus owns and recognizes or in other words the one Jesus built, and also we shall speak of the one God recognized before the advent of the great Saviour into this world.

Now the Church is termed by several names of different objects, such as: Flock, Body, Family, Bride, Wife, Fold, Mountain, Pasture, Zion, Jerusalem, City, Building, House, Sanctuary. etc.

In Matt. 16: 18 Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell SHALL NOT (positively) prevail against IT." (not them). We hear many commenting on what it was Jesus built on, some say it was Peter's faith, some say it was Peter's profession, some say it was upon the revelation to Peter; but we will at this time take the words Jesus spoke at that time; "Upon This Rock," not that faith you have Peter, not that confession you have made Peter, not that revelation you have had Peter. No, no, but THIS ROCK, signifying himself and not Peter's faith, confession or revelation; because all hell could prevail against anything pertaining to what Peter could or would do, but it could not prevail against the Son of God who had received all power in Heaven and earth. (Matt. 28: 18). Now let us see if we can get

some more proof that it was himself. In Eph. 2: 20 "Jesus Christ HIMSELF being the CHIEF corner stone." We will admit that the Apostles were and are in the foundation, including the prophets. And Peter said, "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious (speaking of Jesus) and he that believeth on him (Jesus) shall not be confounded.

Now from the best information we have learned, is that Jesus said some time during A. D. 30 he would build his CHURCH; and then some time during A. D. 33 we hear from God's word that he added to the CHURCH daily, such as should be saved. Then some time between A. D. 30 and A. D. 33 he must have built the Church, because we hear him say in Acts 2: 47; that he added to it and Paul said, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household (that which is built) of God." Eph. 2: 19; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles, and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 20th indicating that the Church was built. What is it.

We want to notice something about the foundation, and the quality of the material used in the foundation etc. All substantial buildings that last long are built upon good foundations and are carefully prepared against all defects in every angle; a careful selection of material is made and also the location suitable for a long life building is to be considered; and it is wise to see that the foundation is one solid base, so that the foundation will not give way; for if the foundation gives way, why then the building also will give way. In the city in which we live, there is a building built exceedingly high, till it reaches very high above all the rest of the buildings about it, it is known as the Amicable Building, and it is said that the workmen dug down into the mother earth the depth of thirty feet, to find a rock solid enough to hold up the weight of this building, which is twenty-two stories high above the earth.

We are using this as a illustration of the Church which Christ built. He said, upon this rock I will build my Church; that being himself and then he began the foundation upon this rock. Now there is one more thought regarding the base upon which this building was to be and is founded, and it is this. Before the building or in other words, before the walls are started there must be also a foundation layed upon this ROCK, or we might term it base, well, we will call it the base rock, upon which the foundation is laid. Christ alone is the base, upon which the foundation

is laid. There was nothing else in the base, but that one stone, or rock and it was solid enough that the gates of hell could not and does not prevail against it. It was Christ and not the Apostles and Prophets. Because they were only in the foundation, which was laid on this Rock Christ Jesus.

MATERIAL USED IN THE FOUNDATION

Jesus the Savior of the world and builder of this Church, prepared the material for the foundation. Jesus was a preparing near three years shaping each piece of material to fit in its place in the foundation. They must be tested to see if they will be of a quality that will stand in the time of storms of wind and rain also in the time of drought and also to stand during the severe cold spells, when hard freezes come.

Note—when storms of false religions come, this foundation needs to be so substantial that such storms will not take the foundation off with it. And when those dry spells come such as dry up those that have not much depth of root, and the earth around this foundation began to shrink, crack open and draw away from this foundation; that it will not shrink, crack, or draw away with it and leave the building in a bad shape, all rrenched out of shape and order, till it tumble over and in the fall cause many of the stones in the building to be crushed so badly that they can never be shaped up so as to be used any more.

Oh, how often we have beheld such as this; yes many times some have thought that they were in a good church, but the foundation was crumbly and faulty and the storms came with wind and rain and the foundation went with this terrific storm, and the building fell to pieces, some of the very best material that was in this structure was ruined till it could never be used in a substantial building at all. Now if every pillar selected for a building is hewen out to its proper shape in heighth and width, and is reinforced from every angle and has no defects in it; why it is then sufficient. Then after each pillar has been duly tested and the plum line is laid upon them, also the level to see if they are perfectly level, till you can look from one side to the other and that you can see no difference in heighth in them; also look down the sides and the ends and see they are of a uniformity sufficient amount of concrete has been applied; they are then ready for the building to be started upon them, or in other words, those pillars which constitute the foundation and now there is also the chief corner stone or the starting corner. There is a chief corner stone in this great building which we are talking about and now all the rest of the stones in this foundation which is laid

on this rock (Christ Jesus) is the same height and specified space a part to ascertain the fitting of sills of the building upon these twelve pillars in the foundation.

We mentioned a while ago of the Savior being three years in preparing this material for the foundation of his Church, or his building which the gates of hell should never prevail against. He said at one time to the twelve which he had chosen for this glorious foundation; "Have not I chosen you twelve and one of you is a devil." (John 6: 70). So there was one of the ones he had chosen, that had such a bad defect in him, till it was not fit to put into the foundation of this building. Love for money was one defect, murder another, popularity another, deceitfulness, lust, along with other defects, that made Judas unfit to be placed in the foundation upon this great rock; upon which the Church should be built, which should stand forever and go through all the storms and floods of deceptions and false religions and not be molested. You know we always feel safer when we are in a substantial building, than we do when we are in an old shakely building. Because the foundation is good and strong. Well praise God; I am glad I am in a house that is built upon a foundation, that is laid upon a solid rock.

Dear reader, how is it with you? Have you really investigated to see what kind of material the foundation is made of; upon which the structure is built upon, which is called your church or my church: Baptist, Methodist, Christian or others which we have not time and space to mention. But did you know my dear reader, that all such is founded upon man's theory and not upon God's word, upon the rock Christ Jesus, but is only hay and stubble, which shall be burned, for it is only the works of man, which shall be revealed by fire.

Now beloved reader, know this truly, when God sends a holy man into your community to preach the word of the everlasting truth, and when it is preached to you or any of the rest, that profess to be followers of Christ, that the truth which is preached by the man of God, is trying the quality of the work wrought in your heart; the fire of God is testing it out, either good or bad. If it is a shoddy work, no doubt you will fight against the truth with most of the rest and reject the truth. Then and there the work wrought in your heart is tried by fire. No doubt some will disagree with us here at this point; but at any rate if the work is good in you and you hear the word of God; why then the fire has tried you out and you receive it, you are proven to be good material in the building, as

we hear Jesus saying in John 8: 47, "He that is of God heareth God's words." The fiery trying of the work has more established you in the Lord.

Now we are and have been finding out what kind of material Jesus used in the construction of the foundation, that it had to be good material without defects; and that no faulty material could be used in this structure. Because there was going to be much pressure upon this foundation and very heavy weights through those many years of false deceptions, false religions, many piles of human rubbish going to be piled up against it, to hide it from the sight of those seeking shelter in the times of storms and rains and and floods and great quakes and up heavels. You see then beloved, it was needful that special material was selected and tested, hewen to the right size and well set in position so they could not be destroyed, as there was where the righteous was to have their hope, in the foundation of this great building of Christ.

We read in Psa. 11: 3, "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do." Now let us again note where we find this foundation laid, let us turn to Isa. 28: 16, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold, (look) I lay in Zion for a foundation-stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." Now Christ built this foundation, or these foundations upon this rock, He calls it twelve foundations on which the wall of the building was placed, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Rev. 21: 14).

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Perilous Times

Oh, these are times of peril,
Sins waves are raging high;
With men their Christ rejecting
And Judgment drawing nigh.

Oh, these are days of peril,
When hearts are waxing cold,
Men wickedly defrauding
Because of greed of gold.

We live in days of terror,
When souls have been brought low,
Seducing spirits heeding
Of devils from below.

So take my friendly warning,
Ere life shall from you flee.
Repent! Repent, oh sinner,
Let Christ's blood make you free!

—Ella Mears.