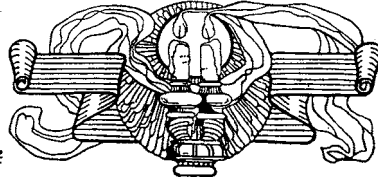


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Praise And Prayer

Praise to Thee, our Rock of Ages,
Thou art ever our delight,
Keep our hearts filled with Thy praises,
Thou who giveth peace and light.

Lord, keep all Thy precious jewels
Safe within Thy tender care,
Until Time fills up his ages
And Thy glories we shall share.

We will follow in Thy footsteps,
Walk the path that Thou hast trod,
Though it be the way of sorrow
Ere we reach Thy blest abode.

Lord give us the mind of Jesus,
Holy Spirit's quickening power,
Keep our hearts filled with Thy praises:
Oh, "We need Thee every hour!"

Ere the day has reached its ending
And the night begins to lower,
We the children of Thy kingdom
Sing Thy praises o'er and o'er.
—I. Edith Kriebel.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This mammoth subject of which I am now undertaking to disclose at least some of its glories and beauties, is one which I feel can never be exalted too highly.

Much praise is given to men for scientific attainments and discoveries and for what has been accomplished by them. They are worthy. Great inventions have been achieved which have proved of untold values to the human family. To them we owe a righteous tribute. Tribute to whom tribute is due. How much more to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, what has it done for us? These questions can never be fully solved by the finite mind of man. They are infinite questions. By nature we desire to try to solve at least in part, some of them.

First, in the beginning, see Mark 1: 1.—14-15. The gospel made its stalwart demands upon the entire human family. It laid down its sovereign rights and claims upon the whole world. Its demands were just. In them were offered the greatest profit and rewards that could be given to mankind, the depth of which cannot be fathomed.

There is that within my heart however that feels a deep inexpressable desire to at least attempt to pay tribute for its matchless claims and effects, and its powerful results upon the souls of mankind. Tongue can never express the sweet comfort and peace of a soul in its infinite embrace. I am made to pause at the inexpressable glow of inspiration that wells up within my own soul at this moment. It not only made its demand, but it laid its imperative claim upon the entire creation of mankind to repent and believe the gospel.

Second, its onward tread, its unchangeable precepts, its powerful influence. It has met its joint foes of every description, and nothing has been able to check or diminish in any degree its purposes. It is the power of God unto salvation, to all who believe. Its accomplishments in the human soul passeth knowledge. As the poet has said, the half has never yet been told. Great have been the powers that have lifted up themselves against it, yet its never flinching goal is onward.

Third, its uncontaminated influence. It never fails in its object, saving and sanctifying the soul, and fitting us for Heaven. If there is any failure, it is on our part and that because of unbelief.

Fourth, its power over the nations. Although wars, blood shed and terror have reigned, it can only be said, they reap what they sow. The gospel puts fear upon our lawmakers and our executives, and they make laws for the punishment of evil doers. Even they are the ministers of God according to the gospel.

Fifth, its effect. It makes good, honest, truthful, upright, faithful citizens, who are the very salt of the earth. Sin would long ago have been the ruin and

destruction of the world, were it not for the salt, the preserving power of the Christian people, that is in the world, all of which is the power and direct results of the gospel.

Last but not least, let our prayers be that a clearer vision and revelation of its power, may yet increase as we pass it on to our children. And that it may strip the mantle off of higher criticism. Evolutionism, Spiritualism, Bolshevism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Sectarianism, and every other ungodly ism of whatever name or order or cast, that is not in harmony with its original plans and its great author Jesus Christ, and that it may accomplish the fullest possible intent of his aim.

Oh, I am glad that there is power in the gospel, and I am not ashamed of it; but shame upon every soul who would want to compromise with any form of evil and lessen its demands to cleanse from all sin.

—R. H. Craig.



Continue Thou In His Goodness

In the ninety-first Psalm and the first verse we read, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." The word "abide," means to stay or continue in a place or thing. We are sure that all of us want to abide or stay under the shadow of the Almighty, which would be a very safe place indeed, a comfort is found there which is found in no other place, the peace, quietness and assurance while abiding under the shadow of the Almighty is beyond words to express or to fully convey to another, the sweetness and bliss of heaven is very clearly realized and the fragrance and savor of Christ flowing out from such a life or state is continually reminding others of your oneness with God.

To abide in Christ, to stay in His love, to continue in His goodness; is the position or condition whereby we can truly bear fruit unto God. Many have a zeal for God, but not being according to knowledge it will profit them nothing as far as gaining eternal life is concerned; there are many vain speakers and much vain religion in the world. Works done by those not abiding in Him are dead works and is not fruit unto God; so it is very essential that we learn the wonderful secret of abiding in Him. There are many that run well for a season, but as they begin to gain knowledge of spiritual things, they begin to rely upon what they know and can do and cease to abide in Him and their labors become vain labors. This is all very sad and should stir all of us to watch and pray, live and

walk in the Spirit that we obey not the lusts of the flesh nor become vainly puffed up with the fleshly mind; but take our delight in God.

In the fifteenth chapter of John, Jesus says, "I am the true vine." This conveys to our mind that there are other vines beside the "True Vine." In some forests there are many vines and they all bear some kind of fruit; some of these vines bear poison fruit and some bear that which is bad tasting and when taken into the mouth will be spewed out again and so it behoves us to know what kind of fruit we are bearing. Jesus speaking of false prophets says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7: 16.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. This scripture teaches us plainly that without Him we can do nothing, and the following verse teaches us that if, "we abide not in Him we are cast forth as a branch and is withered, are gathered by men, cast into the fire and are burned; therefore we ought to be deeply interested of how to "abide in Him."

Man in his natural state has not the ways of God, neither the thoughts of God; this truth is brought out clearly and definitely in the fifty-fifth chapter of Isa. where the prophet tells the wicked man to forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and return unto the Lord and says futher, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."

We, who have the Bible, God's word, are favored above many in the world, in it we find God has left us a record of Himself and His dealings with men whom he has created, and also bearing record of His Son Jesus Christ, who left us an example that we should follow in His steps. This record has been confirmed by the apostles who heard and seen Him and they both wrote and spoke of Him through direct utterance of the Holy Ghost. Knowing this we should give earnest heed (put in practice) the things which we read and know they taught.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Those who are careful to keep His commandments, prove their love for Him and in doing this they keep a tender consciences toward God, they continue to have a heart of flesh. Those who are careless about keeping the commandments and teachings of Christ and the apostles and begin to say, this does not matter or that does not matter, sear their consciences and harden their hearts until they can do many questionable things and say, "my consciences does not con-

denn me."

It seems easy for Satan to fool many people and get them to take up their former thoughts and ways and thus cease to abide in the "true vine." It seems to take no effort for one to drift along with a profession, having their thoughts and their ways. It is quite another thing to continually put to death or crucify our desires, ambitions, thoughts and ways that He might be glorified and honored by our stay on earth.

There is a very impressive and precious thought found in the eleventh chapter of Romans, twenty-second verse, "If thou continue in His goodness."

There is a secret of knowing how to "Continue in His goodness," which it seems few have discovered. "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." James 4: 7-8. This is a scripture that teaches us how to "continue in His goodness." When the trial or testing time comes, we should first submit ourselves wholly to God, sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, set apart our heart to God only, then resist continually all feelings, thoughts, ways, acts or deeds that would be contrary to His righteousness or teachings and commandments; then draw nigh unto God by thanking Him for the grace given while in this trial or asking God to bless the offending one. In doing this you will be continuing in His goodness.

... brother was attending a meeting once where a minister got in the pulpit to preach whom he had lost confidence in because of past differences, the enemy at once began to bring an ill feeling over him toward the minister, he at once resisted him and then asked God to bless and help the man, in this way he continued on in His goodness. If he had of given way to ill feeling, he would of ceased to abide in Him or continue in His goodness. A brother one time got his arm broke by cranking a car. He was giving his time and all to God in His service and now he had to set around and nurse the broken arm. He did not murmur or complain, but calmly accepted it as one of the 'All things' and asked God to get to him all the good possible out of this suffering and as he looked to God, He gave him the scripture found in Job 23rd chapter. "For He performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with Him. For God maketh my heart soft." God does not take delight in seeing his children suffer and only permits that which is best for us, if we will accept it that way and get the good. If this brother had of murmured and complained he would of got out of God's goodness and would of fail-

ed to get the needed help that was designed of God. A mother or father that gets ill, cross, quarrelsome and loud or snappish with their children, gets out of the goodness of God. Children who are cross, ugly and disobedient to parents, gets out of the goodness of God. Men or women who take vengeance on those who injure them, get out of the goodness of God, for the scripture says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves; but rather give place to wrath: for it is written vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." This does not mean to give place in your own bosom for wrath, but to give place for the other man to wrath, just be still and let him have his wrath out alone, treat him kindly. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." And in this way you will "continue in His goodness." One who makes others believe an untruth about his brother gets out of the goodness of God. One who takes up a reproach against his brother, gets out of the goodness of God. The committing of any act, deed, thought, way or word which is not prompted by divine love is getting out of the goodness of God.

"God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." John 4: 16. The only way to keep God in you is to continue in His goodness, by absolutely refusing to give place in your mind or heart for evil thoughts, idle words and light chaffy talk; and let anger, wrath, strife, be put away from you with all malice, give no place in your heart or mind for the devil; do not allow yourself to be drawn away with your own lusts and enticed, for, "When lust has conceived, (gets down in the heart) it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (separation from God) James 1: 15.

The comfort and sweetness of continuing in His goodness is unparalleled by any other position, place or condition in this world, in fact it is the best thing this side of heaven. Truly, you will be "raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." When the Almighty wrappes His arms of love around you and folds you up in His bosom, the sweetness and bliss of heaven is real and the things of earth which most all men are laboring and striving for, become as fading, dying and decaying junk.

We exhort you who are not in His goodness to get in by repentance toward God and faith in the completed work of the Son of God and those who are in His goodness to continue so by keeping submitted to God, resisting the devil and drawing nigh unto Him. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4: 23. —Fred Pruitt.

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EDITORIALS

In the twenty-sixth chapter of Isaiah and the third verse we have some scriptures that are strength and comfort to those who obey it. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." We are sure that all of our readers want that perfect peace and each one may have it if they keep their mind stayed on the Lord, for God has promised to do so and what he has promised He will do. It is the enemies business to tempt or attract us from this peaceful position by getting us interested in selfish gain and profit, making us afraid that we will not have food and raiment, getting us so busy about these things that we will have no time for family or secret prayer, no time to read His Word, no time to meditate upon His goodness and upon the truth of His Word; if we will allow him too, he will, in this way rob us of that perfect peace. We are taught in the Word of God to do all we do to the glory of God and we should soberly and earnestly consider what we are doing whether it be to His glory or otherwise. If we are busy working or spending our time on a thing that is not to His glory, it would not be possible to keep our minds stayed on him. The Lord will enable each one to know whether their work is to His glory if they get earnest enough before Him. Much of the legitimate business in the world can be worked at by a Christian providing the motive of the heart is pure and the proceeds is used with an eye single to the glory of God. Where God has laid His hand upon one for a special work, his peace would be more or less disturbed unless laboring in that particular calling.

One whose heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord, (Ps. 112: 7) will not be afraid of evil tidings, for God's peace will assure him that He is reigning and He knows what is best. Fear and worry never comes from God for He gives peace, quietness and great assurance. God cannot use or work through a heart filled with fear or fright, His strength is manifested in calmness and confidence. Several years ago we received news that our oldest girl had fallen and was seriously injured, was suffering much and wanted us at once. We were several blocks from the house, and as we started we began to hurry, getting into a fast walk, being somewhat stirred up about it, and the Lord helped us to see at once that this would not do, so we walked along in a common gait, praying and looking to the Lord. When we reached the house we had calmness and quietness in our soul, and with confidence we knelt by her side, laid our hands upon her and God at once touched her body and the pain ceased.

A great many seem to think that 'gain is godliness,' but this is only the devil's lie; oftimes the saint is called upon to lose financially in order to remain godly and many times they have to suffer defame, dishonor and much reproach, even of near friends to retain godliness. When ones heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord he is not easily moved by hard things that come against him, for he knows that God's ways and thoughts are not man's ways and thoughts, therefore he learns to glory in the cross, knowing that all the persecutions, trials and tests faithfully endured will work out for him a far greater weight of glory. He will love His appearing and heaven will be all the sweeter if he suffers some here as Jesus suffered.

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In this issue we have a number of testimonies telling of the manifestation of God's healing power. While the soul is of more importance than the healing of the body, yet, Jesus speaks of healing being the children's bread. Healing belongs to the saved of earth. Healing comes to the body through faith, even as salvation does and yet we see many that are not healed and we believe that in most cases it is just a lack of active living faith. In the Bible we find that many of them that were healed manifested great faith and just would not be turned away. In the eighth chapter of Matt. we have record of the Centurion that came beseeching Jesus concerning his servant that lay at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. He showed great faith and confidence in Jesus when he said, "I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, go, and he goeth; and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, do this and he doeth it." This confession of truth and manifestation of confidence in Jesus as having the same power over afflictions as he had over his servants, caused Jesus to marvel and he said, "Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

If folks would have that same faith today and would approach the Lord with full confidence that He is the same yesterday, and today and forever, they would be healed of their afflictions in the self same hour even as the servant was.

In the second chapter of Mark, we have record of four men carrying a man sick with the palsy and when they could not get into the room where Jesus was for the crowd, they did not give up but showed strong faith by climbing upon the roof and breaking it opened and letting the man down where Jesus was. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," and a few minutes later healed him and he took up his bed and walked; the people were all amazed saying, "We never saw it on this fashion."

In the fifteenth chapter of Matt. a woman of Canaan came to the Lord crying, have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David. We see how that He gave her no notice and the disciples said, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." When Jesus did not encourage her she would not turn away, but was willing to be counted as a dog: the Lord said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." She was persistent, would not be denied and thus proved her confidence and faith and so received the desire of her heart.

Others could be mentioned such as the blind men, the lepers, etc. So we need to prove to the Lord today by a determined faith and confidence that He can do the work.

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There has been some means sent in for the printing of the tracts mentioned in the Feb. issue of Faith and Victory, but not enough to make a start on the work. We have faith that soon enough will be sent to print them for circulation, as the need of plain teaching along this line is great, for many are conforming to the world by giving heed to ministers whose consciences are seared. who thinks that God takes pleasure in numbers. It is good to be zealous for the truth.

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Bro. S. M. Helm and Sister Allie Mc Adams of Anthony, Kans., writes us, that the saints at Anthony, Kans. will meet together on the fourteenth of March for an assembly meeting to continue over Sunday, March the seventeenth. A cordial invitation is given to all whom the Lord may lead to come. They expect to observe the Ordinances.

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Bro. C. E. Orr. of Hammond, La. writes us that they have secured a charter from the state for an "Old People' Home," they are now building some rooms to accommodate a few old folks who are needy, perferably aged ministers.

Sister O. B. Wilson of Shawnee, Okla., writes us that the Shawnee camp meeting will begin this Summer on the sixteenth of August. They will give part-

iculars about the meeting later. The camp meeting last year was a real good meeting and much good was done; this has encouraged the saints at that place.

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The work at Faith Publishing House is all in His hands, it is His work and we, His servants, when He camps, we camp, when He moves on, we move on. His will is our will, we pray not for our will to be done, nor some one else; but for the will of our Father which is in heaven. The workers are happy, contented and free, rejoicing in the undeserved kindness of the Lord, glad to spend and be spent in this hid-away place that souls may be able to hear the glad tidings of a risen Christ and Saviour. We all realize that the prize is at the end of the race, after the last battle has been fought and won; then will come the crown, a crown that fadeth not away. It will be all glory when heaven opens to view. We know that many saints are praying for us, do not faint, prayer moves God on His throne. Our face is set heavenward like a flint, we must gain it at any cost.

Let all of the "Little Flock" be of good courage, the battle is the Lord's; He is the author and finisher of our faith. Keep on praying and laboring. for we shall reap if we faint not. May God bless and comfort each soul in the true way of holiness.

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Okeene, Okla.—Dear saints of God at Faith Pub. Office and scattered abroad: Greeting you all this morning in Jesus' dear name. While praising the dear Lord for what He has done for me and is still doing; it came to me very forcibly, to let others know of His goodness to me. For He will do as much and more for you if you will only trust Him; for He is no respecter of person. Read Rom. 2: 11. All He wants us to do is to let Him have his way in us. Praise His precious name. And if we have given up all and have wholly surrendered unto him, then He can work and no power can hinder.

Nearly ever since I can remember I haven't been very well; and from my teens till I began to trust the Lord I got worse. At the age of seventeen, I underwent an operation for a tumor, not knowing the truth at that time. I was under Doctor's care till I got saved about five years later; and began to trust the dear Lord for my soul and body. Praise His precious name. Since then He has healed me of different diseases. I was healed of a fiber-tumor, at the Okla. City camp meeting the year of 1921. All praise be to Jesus' dear name.

After the word was preached on Divine Healing by Sister Tacker a number of ministers obeyed James 5: 14-15. and the dear Lord healed me instantly. After the meeting was over I came home and helped cook for a thrashing crew of about seventeen men the next week. Truly what a mighty God we serve. And the dear Lord is still helping me out in every way. So let us be faithful until the end is my prayer.

A Sister.

—M. Agnes Williams.

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The purpose for which Faith and Victory paper is printed and sent out, is to be a blessing and a profit to the souls of men; therefore we ask those who have been receiving the paper and want it to be continued, to write and let us know as we are going over our mailing list and shall remove the names of those whom we have not heard from during the last twelve months. This is done to avoid the expense of sending the paper to an address where no one is benefited. So please favor us with this knowledge, as we have no way of knowing unless you write and tell us. If you have written us and we should remove your name through mistake, just let us know and we shall be glad to place you on the list.

The cost of sending the paper to an address for a year may not be more than a dollar; but when there are several hundred of these on the list, it means quite an expense as well as time and labor, so we are asking this favor of you, to save this expense for the good of the work.

We take great pleasure in sending the paper to those who are getting good to their souls by reading its pages, and hundreds of poor people are getting the paper that are not at all able to send an offering to keep the work going and it is not expected. This Bible truth is being kept printed and sent out by saved men and women who love the Lord and have a burden for poor needy souls and so they deny themselves and gladly and willingly send offerings to the work as unto the Lord. Those who are sacrificing with us in getting this truth to the people will also share in the reward in that reckoning day. There are a number of saints scattered over the country that prove their "Faith by their Works" and these will be blessed in their deeds. A faith without works is a dead faith and will profit nothing in eternity. Paul wrote much about giving, not that he wanted a gift; but that souls might prosper and bear fruit unto God.

We are sending out almost two thousand papers in the rolls each month and this means much to us and those who are getting rolls of papers should write and let us know if you are still using them; giving them out to others who read and get profit from them, especially if you have not written us during the last twelve month. The object of doing this is to cut down expenses and make every cent, sent in, count for God,

for souls whom Christ died to save. We kindly solicit your prayers and co-operation in this publishing work. Your Bro. and co-workers in His vineyard.
—Fred Pruitt.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all in your household:—It is with a joyful heart that in the freshness of the New Year, I am privileged to send all of you the most fervent greetings of my heart, through the great and continued mercies of our dear Saviour, who today is to us, who are redeemed, King of kings and Lord of lords, and I feel that the time is not far distant when He shall come, and those who now reject Him and scorn and scoff at the idea of Him being crucified to pay the ransom of their souls—they then will realize that He is God and there is none else. What a change will take place—many who have had much sorrow, tribulation and persecution, caused by the devices of the wicked, shall have even so much more of the "joy of the Lord" to fill their souls; on the other hand, those who have lived in pleasures, reveling in the things of the flesh, will wake to the fact that they were but as dead even while they lived in wantonness. May the Lord help us to be as faithful as Noah was, for we are truly living in similar days as he lived in.

Now, Bro. Pruitt, I must say that I did richly enjoy your last letter and to hear of how the work there is kept alive by His Spirit, how the meetings in general are moving along, and I trust that some souls are heeding the precious Gospel Invitation and are finding peace to their souls.

I was very glad to receive the Christmas issue of the "Faith and Victory" with the many real-to-the-point articles and testimonies, that I am certain were also a joy and spiritual feast to many souls during the Christmas time, when the majority of the people of the world about were indulging in the vanities and things that vex the souls of the righteous. I hope also that all of you had a real nice and happy Christmas in the true sense of the word.

I wrote you a little hurried note by last boat, but want to again thank you and those who sent of their means for the interest in the work of God here.

I did not feel led to make a start toward home at the first of this year, as I had thought some time ago, I feel that the Lord will have me remain here several months yet, as far as I can discern His will. I want His pleasure to be done above all things. Bro. Sperber is going to New Zealand by next boat to be gone for a few months, also others are leaving, but the Lord is a very present help, and according to His precious and encouraging promise, His presence shall continue to abide, and strength and grace supplied to witness for Him. The Lord gave us a very encouraging time on last Sunday night. Bro. Sperber and myself were

holding a little open air meeting at the fish market, and I had also a S. S. picture chart illustrating the parable of the sower, when one Indian young man was especially interested and was drinking in very eagerly. I was speaking to him personally too, and he said that when he was small he was taught the ABC etc., but now he needed to know what was Truth, that he claimed neither the Hindu, Mohammedan, Arya Samaj or Christian religion, but was earnestly seeking, and we are praying that God will reveal his need of a Savior to him and bring him out into the glorious light and liberty of the Gospel of Christ, which is truly the power in God's hands unto salvation.

On New Years Day a Bro. Lees and myself were round the bay to the village of Suvavou (New Suva) and while there heard that a Fijian had been bitten by a shark at the wharf. An hour or more later, just as we were leaving, we heard the people crying at one of the houses. We went there and saw a very sad sight. There were the hands and mangled arms of the young man who had been bitten and he belonged to this village. A boat was in harbor and one of the passengers had thrown a piece of money into the water to watch the Fijian boys dive for it. They often do this. But when this young man dived down a shark caught and tore the flesh from the lower parts of his arms, and mangled his arms in a terrible way. But one of his brave comrades dived to his rescue without a spear or anything to defend himself with. But he managed to ward off the shark and get the wounded man into his canoe and to the shore. The Dr. had to amputate both arms at the elbow, and these remains were brought to the village by a chief as a warning to the others. The shark also made a lurch at his thigh and left an ugly wound, but we saw the young man that night and he was conscious and could talk after going through such an ordeal. He is getting along well the last account I had. He will be unable to care for himself as far as work is concerned, and I am trusting that he will give his heart and life unto the Lord and preach His Gospel. It is truly better to enter into eternal life, though maimed, than to be well and strong, yet through the wrong use of the members be cast into outer darkness.

We have just lately had quite a blow, almost a hurricane, and at least one small boat was seen, just outside the passage, to capsize. A larger boat was sent in search for it or the people, but as yet no trace has been found of them, and it is not yet known which boat it was or from what village along the coast or from another island. All these things are solemn warnings to all that a greater event than any of these things is near at hand. When the wind was blowing strong and the waves of the sea were dashing high, I was reminded of the two kinds of buildings and the builders.

I hope that all of you are well, also that Grandma has kept well during this part of the winter. I read some cables about the influenza there, and also had a letter from Bro. Harmon, saying, he and Sister Harmon had been very busy visiting and ministering unto

the sick. I trust that this is over now and that the saints in general have entered the New Year with fresh courage and faith to meet with victory whatever time holds in store.

I truly hope that you that are working there in the office may be strengthened and supplied with your every need, be it spiritual, physical or temporal means. God is faithful who has promised, and there are no "nays" on His part.

Must bid you good night, in prayers and God's divine love, I remain ever your Bro. in the Faith once delivered to the saints,
—Robert Longley.



Ye Are God's Elect

To all the Holy Brethren scattered abroad in the earth, God's elect, saved by grace through faith. Greetings in bonds of holy love: Will write you, as I am so interested in this Great Cause, for which Jesus gave His life and we are doing our best to defend.

I feel we need our pure minds stirred up, as I am sure when pure minded people hear the sound of warning, it will awaken to careful thought. Surely we are living in an age when it takes carefulness and sincerity of heart to keep God's people marching on in one great throng. Keeping step together and walking in the light of the word of God. We by reading the blessed word, find clearly that God's family has always been a people who listened to the voice of God. St. Jno. 3: 34. He, whosoever it may be, whom God sends is still speaking the words of God.

So brethren, if we continue to be *Standard Bearers*, God expects us to hold Jesus up as a Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Keeper to all those who obey Him. It seems the time is now here, that some are conceiving the thought that all religious people, who take the name of the "Church of God," is a part of the real Church its self. But this cannot be true. Jesus speaks plainly on one particular occasion, "They are not of the world," (John 17: 16). And as yet they were not sanctified. We want to get down to the real truth of the gospel. If this is true, they are not of the world even before they are sanctified. The above text makes it clear. There is not a worldly person in the Real Church of God. We admit there are real saints that do not have light on the word of God; but my Brother, Sister, if you are among worldly people who live and go where the world goes, talk and dress like the world. If you are conscience of this, God calls you out from among them.

If you have ever got out; for Jesus' sake don't get back again. For your life will be a failure, and you will spend your time in vain and worst of all miss

Heaven.

I have never had one desire to go back to the Saloon and gambling house to try to get my friends to get out of that place. But have earnestly prayed, that God would let them see their folly. And thank God a few have escaped. So likewise, it is very useless for us to go back among false teachers and leaders to try to get some out who are honest.

I believe we should let them come out just as the Bible teaches, (2 Cor. 6. 17) and I feel sure that if we let them come out, we probably will not have so much trouble trying to keep them out. It seems that some have the idea that if there is a place close and convenient to get to and they claim to be the Church of God, it is alright to worship with them and at the same time not regarding their principles and think it is alright to go worship with them.

Brethren, for Jesus' sake and the Cause, if you never have been out of sectism and false religion, come out now or your life and labors will be in vain. We are praying for God to help you to escape. We shall do everything we can for you. But to go among them, being one of their number, would not help you get out. So we shall wait your coming out, to be one with the people of God. We shall rejoice with you when you make your escape from among unbelievers, unrighteousness and darkness and God will be your Father and ye shall be His sons and daughters. So says He. (2 Cor. 6: 18).

As ever yours for the Truth, —John Strech.
Neosho, Mo.

Worldly Conformity

Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed. Conform, means to make like or comply with; in other words, be not like the world. In what way should we be different from the world.

By the help of the Lord, I will try to bring out a few points. We will first take up the love of the world in 1 Jno. 2: 15-17 we read, "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 forever." But we must be transformed; not like the world. Now the Lord is not pleased with his children dressing like the world.

In 1 Tim. 2: 9-10 we read, "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broidered hair or gold or pearls or costly array; but which becometh

women professing godliness." What is the lust of the eye, and the pride of life? It is to desire eagerly. One thing is a desire for fine clothes, trimmed up and made in the latest style; with such God is not pleased. Superfluity, by this is meant unnecessary things, such as are worn for show and style, and cannot be worn to the glory of God. Pride is one of the most subtle of all heart evils, for it has so many ways of hiding itself. We should dress in modest apparel; and not try to see how near like the world we can get and yet keep saved; but we as children of God, should be examples in our dress and should adorn the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

We also ought to take heed to our conversation. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ." Philippians 1: 27, "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." Please read, 1 Peter 1: 15. 2: 12.—2 Peter 3: 11. James 3: 13. Col. 3: 8. Eph. 4: 29. There are many things that are conforming to the world, such as shows, picnics, carnivals, parties, dancing, card playing, box and pie suppers and banquets. Jesus said, make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. John 2: 16—Matt. 21: 12-13. The word forbids all revellings. Please read Gal. 5: 19-21.

We read in Mk. 4: 18-19, and these are they which are sown among thorns, such as hear the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things entering in, choke the word and it became unfruitful. Now what I wish to call your attention to in this scripture is the cares of the world and the lust of other things. "Whosoever will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God." Jesus said, "If the world hate you, you know it hated me first, if ye were of the world the world would love its own." John 15: 18-19. The Bible teaches us, "That denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." Titus 2: 12. In Matt. 12: 36 we read, "That every idle word, that man shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment." "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Matt. 16: 26—Luke 6: 22.

Let me say to the unsaved; get saved, count the cost and pay the price and get something that will be a real pleasure in this life and will be a blessing to you throughout eternity. And to the saved, let me ask the question. Are you living so, when the world looks upon you, nothing but Christ is in view? What kind of seed are you sowing? What you are sowing, surely is growing; that which you reap shall be as the seed.

Will say in conclusion, to those who profess to know God. Is your white robe of righteousness, spotted with the world? If so, the blood of Jesus can wash you and make you clean and white as snow. Keep yourself unspotted from the world and obtain from all appearance of evil. —Jennie Brooks.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Do I Mean It?

"I often say my prayers,
But do I really pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

I may as well bow down
To gods of wood and stone,
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

For words without the heart,
The Lord will never hear.
Nor will he to those lips attend
Whose heart is not sincere."

—Selected.

PRAYER

In Jesus' name, we will write some on prayer. Prayer, in simple language means to talk to God. All people that are saved from all sin and living for the Lord, are the children of our heavenly Father. And as the children of our earthly father, talk and commune with their father; so do the people that are saved, they talk to God, their Father through prayer. Prayer, is the key that unlocks heaven's door. Without prayer we cannot talk to God. We find that God has many ways to talk to us; such as by His Son Jesus, through His word; through His Holy Spirit; through nature and many other ways could be mentioned, but I believe these are sufficient to let you see that God does talk to us, if we would only take heed to His voice. But on the other hand as we have said before, without prayer we cannot talk to God. Prayer is the only way we can talk to God; there is no other way. So in order to thank our Father, which is in heaven we must pray.

In Luke 18: 1 we find this command, "That men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Always does not mean "once in a while," but every day. Yes, the Lord wants us to be watchful and prayerful, so that we will give no place to the Devil. First Thess. 5: 17 tells us to "Pray without ceasing." Does this mean to always be praying and not doing anything else? No. But it does mean that we should be in a prayerful attitude at all times. In whatever we do, in working, playing, singing or anything. "Whatever we do, we should do to the glory of God." And we can only do that by being watchful and prayerful.

Also in James 5: 16 tells us to, "Pray one for another."

Dear children, can you see by these scriptures, that the Lord commands it; He requires us to pray unto Him. Some might think that prayer is only for older folks and not for children. But the Lord saves children, as well as older folks, so it is also for you. When we behold the goodness of the Lord and realize that "every good and perfect gift cometh from the Father above;" it makes us feel unworthy and we want to thank Him. Yes, dear children, the food we eat, the air we breath, the clothes we wear and the shelter we have from the cold and heat of the weather, all come from God our Father. Why shouldn't we thank the Lord for all these things? Without the Lord we could do nothing. The Lord gives life and the Lord takes it away. We are wholly dependent upon Him. Therefore it seems reasonable for us to "pray without ceasing."

Dear children, do you believe that the Lord hears and answers prayer? In Mark 11: 24 we read, "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and *ye shall have them.*" It says BELIEVE, (which means faith) and we shall have them. This plainly shows us that God answers prayer. And the Lord is no respecter of persons, but just as willing to do for one as another. We don't receive anything from God, only through *faith* and *prayer*. So then if we are in need of anything, we know that God hears us when we pray, and says, if we *believe*, we shall have it. If we are troubled or discouraged, just tell Jesus all about it and He will take care of it. He is our Great Burden Bearer.

We are told in the Bible that God also heals our bodies through prayer, when we get sick. We find in James 5: 14-15, "Is any sick among you?****let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." It says the prayer of faith shall save the sick. so then the Lord is our Great Burden Bearer, and Physician through prayer. Truly we thank the Lord for this.

Dear children, be encouraged to live for the Lord and pray much, that you will be able to live a true Christian life for Jesus. We would be glad to hear from the children that read "Faith and Victory." So if you feel like the Lord wants you to send in your testimony, you obey the Lord.

With many prayers and love to you all, I remain your friend in Jesus. —William Cramer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Guthrie, Okla.—I feel led of the Lord, to write my testimony on healing. The Lord has wonderfully healed me of several diseases. I was a nervous wreck before the Lord healed me. My flesh would shake and jerk when I was not afraid. I was in a terrible condition.

Why not come to the Saviour now and be healed? "He is just the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13: 8. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness." We read in Psalms 34: 19, where it says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

Jesus made atonement for our healing on the cross. We read in Isaiah 53: 5 where it says, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Jesus has the same power now, as what He had when here upon earth.

A saved Sister, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.
—Lottie Glass.

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Peabody, Kans.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I have just received "Faith and Victory," and it makes my heart rejoice to see so many praising my Lord. Oh, how I love Him for what he is to all poor sinners. Truly there is none like Him, he is my Saviour, my Redeemer, my all. He has saved me from my sins and keeps me. I am washed and cleansed in His precious blood and I thank Him every hour, for this Beautiful High Way of Holiness and His saving and keeping power.

He has healed me of a case of sugar diabetes, of four years standing, after the Dr. said, nothing more could be done, quit diet and medicine one year ago last Sept. and all signs of it are gone. I give God all the glory. Praise His dear name. He is the friend of the sinner, so ready to save all who will call on His name. And I am so glad, He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Glory to God. I am looking for His soon coming in great glory, and I want to stay under the blood, and have my lamp brightly burning when Jesus comes. I want to be faithful to Jesus and live as I profess to let the world see that He is able to save the worst sinner. That His great love and power has never diminished.

We are living in dangerous times, when there are so many false doctrines and the devil's snares to lead us astray, unless we have our feet on the Solid Rock. Oh, how sad it is going to be when God says, "Depart, I know you not." How much better it would be to go by the way of the cross and pay the price, by carrying our cross bravely for Jesus, cut every shore-line that holds us to the things of this world and follow Him all the way. He says, "If we will confess our

sins and forsake them, he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I am always glad to get "Faith and Victory," for it teaches the word of God and I like the word of God wherever I see it. And I am grateful to you for remembering me. May God ever bless you with His richest blessings and give you a crown of reward for your faithfulness to Him and mankind. Remember me in your prayers.

Your Sister in Jesus' name, Mrs. E. E. Rollings.

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Lowell, Ark.—I was once a Christian and belonged to the "Free Will Baptist Church." And I lived in this church for a few years and I got away from God and I was a sinner for several years.

A little over a year ago, I became quite sick, was under the Doctor's care for a year. So I got to praying for my health and it seemed like I couldn't get any where with my prayer. I was traveling on the road one day in deep prayer with my Savior and I begin to feel some relief. I just kept praying so I said, Oh, Lord just spare my life, I haven't done any good here on earth for myself or anyone else and I want to do some good here, so I got a great blessing right at once and this is what come to me. I just got so happy. It came in this way. "You go and talk to the people and tell them of the way they are living and try to get them to do better and live for Jesus." So I have been at this for about seven weeks and I get great blessings out of this work. Praise His name.

I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. You know it says in His blessed word, "Whatsoever you shall ask in my name you shall receive." The way I feel sometimes, I just feel like flying. And He says, If you abide in me, I will also abide in you. Praise His great name. So since I have got back with my Lord I just want to keep reading his blessed word. In another place he says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." And again in the 18th chapter of Matt. the 20th verse, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

I just want to praise His great name all the time because He is with me through my trials and temptations. Praise the Lord for His goodness to me and wife for we are both with Him and trying to do all we can to help others to come to the Lord. Oh, what a great blessing it is to be a worker for the Lord. Praise His name. Christ paid a price for the sins of this world. And to see the people going on so unconcerned about their souls as if there wasn't any Savior at all. Oh, it makes my heart ache to see so many going on in sin. Never thinking of the price our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ paid for them. I am proud to say I am still holding on to the Lord for he is all in all to me. Praise His holy name.

May the Lord be with you all, is our prayer.

—Ben Ray and Wife

Anderson, Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I received your welcome letter several days ago and will now answer it. I will in as few words as possible, give some of my experience,

I was raised in the woods and did not get much of an education; but I turned to God and He saved me and afterwards sanctified me. And by studying His word I saw that God had but one true Church, and we must be born into it. So then I severed my connection from the W. B. Sect, and today I stand for the reformation, which is the Primitive Church, where all are one in Christ Jesus. But sad to say, many have compromised and Oh, the pride and worldliness that has come into the congregations.

Women wear dresses to their knees and bobbed hair and shoe-heels so high that they walk on their toes; but profess to be in the Church of God. If that is not worldly conformity, I do not know what is. There is not enough said about it, but even preachers' wives dress that way, and what this will come to God only knows.

But I won't compromise and God being my keeper, I will stand on his word, let come what will, I will praise God for all that will dare to stand with me.

Yours for this glorious reformation, a clean pure and holy Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.
—H. A. Smith.

Springfield, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I received the roll of "Faith and Victory" papers, was glad to receive them.

I am having a good time serving the Lord. I have taken Christ as my Healer. Six weeks ago, He removed my tonsils through faith. And about six weeks ago the Flu took hold of me, I went to the Lord for healing, in two hours, it was all gone; so the next morning my tonsils were swelled very badly, I went to Him again for my healing. After two weeks, I felt a vacancy in my throat. So in about two weeks later, I went to a Specialist, to examine my tonsils, he looked in my throat and said, you have no tonsils. I give God the glory. I have been perfectly well since He healed me. I am sixty-eight years old, haven't taken a dose of Doctor's medicine for fifty-six years.

I accepted the Lord about a year ago as my healer. He dosen't want a Doctor to help Him heal you. It is by faith and trust.
—John Davis.

Cherry Tree, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Dear Sister Fulton gave me a couple of your papers "Faith and Victory" to read, and I am certainly pleased to find a paper that is not tearing down and driving to destruction every thing in existence; but telling of the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus; like it has always been taught, and my prayers will be that your paper will direct many souls to salvation and the blessed strait way.

I saw in your editorials, where the enemy is work-

ing against the publishing work and hates the plain definite truth. Well just thank God for that, for the Devil don't fight anything of his own.

I have been a saint and a member of the Church of the living God for only two months and before that was a professor of nothing in particular. I had an operation and was only home two weeks until I had to go back to another Hospital and after an examination of the X-Ray, I was sent home for two weeks treatment and preparation for another operation. But God sent a Bro. to my home and my wife and I got saved and I got healed. I quit five kinds of medicine and after God tried my faith, I got out of bed and walked about one-fifth of a mile and got weighed and went to the Hospital at the appointed time and they sent me home after taking two more X-Ray examinations. Praise God forever. And I gained thirteen and a half pounds in a little over thirty days and am now Hostling Engines on the R. R. and working every night and I had doctored for eight years. Now I can hardly find words to thank God for all He has done through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here is a little offering and will try and give more as long as your paper keeps its offence.

Your Bro. in Christ, —J. B. Dull.

North Kensington, Eng.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am writing to thank you for all the beautiful tracts and books that you sent me.

I do praise God our Saviour, that He has Redeemed my soul with His own precious blood eighteen years ago. And Oh, it was such a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away. And our dear Lord has greatly blessed me.

For years I had heart trouble through very bad illness. My heart got worse every year, until every valve was diseased. Also I had arthritis to take hold upon me, first in one limb and then another, until I had arthritis in every bone. I could hardly move and then I also had dreadful attacks of hemorrhages. I went to my Doctor to have him examine me, and he found I had a tumor and dropsy set in, I had kidney trouble and flatulence and throat trouble. I was just one mass of disease; my Doctor said, he could not do any more for me, so I just waited for death and would have welcomed it, for I was in such dreadful pain.

But just as I got right down to the very end, I heard the voice of Jesus say, "go to the Chapel and be healed." I said, yes Lord, but I had no strength and could not move. So my dear daughters got a bath-chair and took me there; the dear ones at the Chapel prayed for me and God heard the prayer of faith and has healed me.

That was about two years ago. I left off all medicine and I have not had the Doctor come since and I have gained three stones, or (42 lbs.) of flesh since, and I am getting stronger; all praise and glory be to God our Saviour, who has done Great Things for me. I will never cease to praise Him. —Mrs. Witherden.

Albion, Okla.—TESTIMONY of Mrs. J. W. Ashworth,—A miraculous recovery.

Dear ones in Christ: I feel that it would be to the glory of God for me to give my own testimony. How God so wonderfully healed my body. And as I was a back-slider at that time, He also forgave my back-sliding, and saved my wayward soul, and healed my body, praise His dear name forevermore.

I accepted Christ at the age of 22 and lived a true child of God for several years. At last trials and persecutions came hard upon my soul and seemed too hard to bear. I began to drift away from Jesus, finally, gave up all struggles, and thinking only to drag my life out the best I could, but was never satisfied, never contented with living away from Father's house, always had a longing to get back to Father's house where I could have the sweet joy of salvation restored to my poor hungry soul. But I was as Paul says in his writing, "When I would do good, evil was with me." I lived this miserable life until God suffered the hand of affliction to be laid upon me. I suffered untold misery. My husband had three doctors to wait upon me, and each one said that nothing but an operation would save my life. One doctor said, that I would not live two weeks if I did not go and be operated upon. I did not want to go to a hospital, and decided that if I had to die, I would die at home.

We sent for Bro. and Sister Murr and for Sister Linda Brown, but Sister Linda was sick at the time. Bro. A. J. Murr and wife came and anointed me in the name of the Lord and prayed for me, and the Lord wonderfully blessed me. When they left I was resting good, but the enemy brought the suffering back. But they came and prayed again and the Lord healed my body instantly, and saved my poor soul, for which I give Him all the praise and glory.

I want to say that this brought a wonderful change in my family, and I want to praise the dear Lord for sending Brother and Sister Murr to our little Town of Albion. Bro. Murr is a man of God, and one that does not fail to preach the whole truth, and certainly does declare the whole counsel of God. He is doing a wonderful work for God. Souls are being made to see their condition. Bro. Murr certainly is a sin fighter, and we praise God for him and his wife. They have been a blessing to this place.

Hoping that my testimony will be a blessing to all those that read it. Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. A. J. Ashworth.

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From Death Unto Life

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3: 14).

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, be-

cause he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3: 15-16). And over in the second chapter we read these verses, "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Now if we could read this first scripture like this, (We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we DO NOT love the brethren.) then many a soul who has not been born again, might hope for mercy from God at the judgment day. But we can't put any other word in there except it were "charity" and that means the love of God in our hearts.

Let us see how it works to say, I know that I have passed from death unto life because I don't love the brethren, but it might be my fault? Are we excused? And can we go right on saying, I am saved and sanctified and on my way to glory? NO. "The kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17: 21) And it is love and light. It is peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

To tell some precious saint or saints, that we do not love them, and then keep saying that I am saved and sanctified and walking in all the light of the word. What will they conclude, but that we are deceived and in darkness.

Can the one unloved, believe that the other one is saved and walking in the light of the word? No, the place to confess such a fault is at the altar before God, and do their own pleading for deliverance and for mercy. God will surely help if we repent and have godly sorrow. And He will give us an heart of flesh, here we have it in Ezek. 11: 19-20. "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh. (20) That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." But listen to the 21st. verse, "But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads saith the Lord God."

When God gives us a heart of flesh it is natural then, for us to love one another and when we get a heart of flesh we will love one another fervently, and not only saints, who already love us, but we will love and pity all the human race, even though they may not love us, but persecute us, which we can expect, if we are true to God, Christ, Holy Spirit and the word of God. But God's grace is sufficient when we are saved from sin and kept by power divine.

Those who will not receive admonition from the Holy Spirit, may fear lest they never make heaven their home. We must get into heavenly places in Christ Jesus here. Eph. 2: 5-6, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,

(by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Right down here in this world, or else we will never realize what heaven is in the hereafter. The gates are opened down here and we must enter through the door Jesus Christ. Unless we go through this door Jesus Christ, we never can go through the pearly gates of heaven above.

How horrible it must have sounded to God, to hear the Jews say, "*Crucify Him! Crucify Him! away with him.*" And "*We have Abraham to our father.*" In actions they said, we don't love this Jesus of Nazareth, but we will kill him, but Jehovah, we will serve you by offering bulls and goats and lambs and doves etc., but we will not have this Jesus Christ rule over us. And so they crucified him, "*The Prince of Glory.*"

This was the work of dislike, hatred, jealousy, envy, murder, which comes from the devil. And it works the same way today, as it did then. This thing must come out of the heart of every man, woman and child if they ever are at peace with Christ.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3: 14). It stands just the same today as it stood at the time that it was spoken or written and will be the same in eternity. God will not permit any other word in the place of "LOVE." We must be pure and have a heart of love to enter into God's holy dwelling place.

So let us see to it that we do love God's saints fervently and fulfill the holy scriptures. For God gives his love to his saints, that they may love one another. 'Tis the natural thing for God's saints to love one another. So let us love, if we want God to love us; and obey the golden rule, "Do unto others, as you wish that others would do unto you."

Lets keep the fear of God upon our hearts and love one another fervently, lest we be destroyed and are lost with the wicked, who do not love the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

Love And Unity

Much has been said, concerning this precious doctrine of the Bible; both from the pulpit and the press; and yet I feel this precious truth of God's word is not exhausted and especially in carrying it out in our lives.

First, we want to notice how God loved us: John 3: 16-17 1 John 3: 1, Rev. 1: 5-6, 1 John 4: 10, now if God so loved us, we surely ought to love one another 1 John 4: 11-12. Listen what Jesus said to his disciples on the night of his betrayal; John 13: 34-35. Oh beloved are we going to make the people of this world believe we are the disciples of Christ, if we do not obey this part of his word? Jesus said if ye love me, keep my commandments. John: 14: 15. Also Jesus says, ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15: 14.

Now if God so loved us, we ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 11. Some may say, well I love my

brother, but at the same time finding fault and picking flaws with his life, instead of bearing one another's burdens. Gal. 6: 2. Beloved these things ought not so to be. Now if we are not careful we are so liable to see faults in our brother and overlook faults in ourselves; when God says in his word, confess your faults one to another. James 5: 16. Sometimes it is true, one will find faults and mistakes in others, but do not consider self, lest they also be tempted. Gal. 6. 1. And if told of some of their mistakes, it seems to hurt them. Now brethren, can we ever hope to attain to Apostolic love and unity while such things exist?

It does seem to me if we ever hope to attain to Apostolic Faith and power; we must come to Apostolic love and unity. Listen, how Jesus prayed, that they be one, as he and the Father are one. John 17: 21-23. Now if Jesus was so interested in us, let us do our best to answer his prayer; by striving together (not apart) for the faith of the Gospel. Phil. 1: 27. And having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind, esteem others better than ourselves. Phil. 2: 3. We are entreated to be of the same mind in the Lord. Phil. 4: 2-3; and that we speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. 1: 10. "How can we expect anything from God, if we are all divided, and have strife among ourselves?" 1 Cor. 3: 3. Listen, can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3: 3.

Brethren, I do believe that division will destroy Spirituality, quicker than most anything else. Look at the sects as they stand out today; all divided and built up in different bodies, when the word says, there is ONE BODY. Eph. 4: 1-6. I heard a Gospel Trumpet Preacher last Sunday, lament their sad condition and confessed they had lost power with God, because of division.

To my mind, division is one thing God does hate; and UNITY is one thing he loves; so let us strive to please our Father, by having LOVE and UNITY among ourselves.

—H. W. White.

"Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone"

We are taught in the precious word of God, that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4: 4).

So we see it is a necessary thing that we should adorn every word that is written in the New Testament and when we do take in all the word of God, we have perfect unity with God and all his children; but if we begin to let down and do things that the precious word condemns, then what can we expect? Nothing else, but confusion. May God help people to see the need of taking all of God's word and live by it. If one begins to go back to the things he has taught against in years gone by. Who is it that is causing confusion? No one but the one that has departed from the faith, that once was delivered unto the saints.

There is so much confusion among professed people today, till it is awful, but thank God there is a few that are standing for the truth of the Bible and we thank the Lord that there is perfect unity where they are. Others are going along calling themselves saved, sanctified and on the way to glory, but sad to say, leaning toward the world and following after the fashions thereof. With their selves all trimmed up and saying, "there is no harm in this." Oh, may God, awaken people and help them to see what sinking sand they are standing on in this awful day of deception. People, you need to wake up to your duty and not let the Devil drag you down to the pits of hell; just because some great philosopher is drifting and saying, "God don't mean what He says." Surely God means just what He says, if He did not mean what He said; we could go right on and kill, commit adultery and so on and still say we are saved.

May the dear Lord help his faithful honest hearted ones to stand as a rock in the billows, against such doctrine. If we take the name of being saints, why not live the life? We will never, no never get to heaven just going along and taking part of the word and saying that God don't mean what He says.

I wonder why it was put in the Bible, if God don't mean what He says; and why did people in the morning time when this precious truth came to light, embrace it so freely? Truly it was given them of God, to take his word just as he had layed it down in the Bible. Why did they put off all superfluety? Nothing else but God's word condemned it; then let us still stand for this old time truth.

Many professors today are wearing such worldly dresses, till you can't distinguish them from the world in their manner of dress and besides wearing gold, which we know we are warned not to wear, nor costly array, those who wear such things after having received the light, surely must have pride in their hearts and pride is an abomination in the sight of our blessed Saviour. Oh, for a people that will hold up the Bible as in days of yore and put away every thing contrary to God's word.

Now dear ones, this is what is going to stand in the great morning of eternity, the pure in heart, cleansed from all worldliness and pride and with that meek quiet spirit of Christ within them. We are taught in the Bible to be not of the world, although we can see so many, so-called saints, leaning toward the world and oh how sad to see those who has so strongly preached against all sin and worldliness, are now teaching other wise. Wake up! dear ones, for I believe the time is at hand when the third part is being brought through the fire, the Lord will purge out all the dross and then His Church can shine for Him. Be strong and valiant for the truth, resist the tempter's luring power and all compromising spirits. that the devil has out. They cannot shake you, though they come to you in sheep's clothing. Praise the Lord, we can distinguish them. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice and a stranger will they not hear." Praise our God for his

watch, care and protection over his little ones.

Let us ever stay humble, where we can hear the voice of Jesus and see that we be found doing his will. Though we be scoffed at, persecuted, cast down and forsaken by the world, let us stand for God and in the morning when all dead of earth will be made known, we then can rejoice, because we have fought a good fight and there is a crown awaiting us.

Dear saints of God, be true and strong for Jesus and His word. While others are departing and letting down the standard, be of good courage and hold it up and surely there is a great reward for the faithful.

Yours for the Lord,

—Mrs. Elzy Joiner.

THE CHURCH

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(Continued from last issue).

You will note dear reader, in last issue, we were speaking principally about the foundation of THE CHURCH, and what the foundation was laid upon, and what kind of material was used in this foundation; may we say here that Christ was the rock upon which this foundation was laid. Deut. 32: 4, He is the Rock, and now then Paul speaking knew that Christ would not only be under the foundation, but would be also in the foundation; and he said, "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3: 11. He was in every pillar of the foundation, and chief of them all. And now the Apostles and Prophets was established stones in this glorious foundation. Eph. 2: 20. Now as we have not time and space we will have to proceed to describe the material of the walls, and also the building of the walls for every house has walls, that is if it is a substantial house and this one Jesus built is a substantial building; because the devil could not, cannot, did not, and does not prevail against it, thanks be unto our God.

We read in Isaiah 26: 1, In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Now you note that every house is built with as many as four walls, so this house of God has four sides to it, or in other words, four walls, and this does not mean that one wall is a Baptist wall, one a Methodist, one a Universalist or one Russelism, no, it just signifies only four walls to the one house; praise God. Now if God would allow the people to do that, there would be many walls of division in this house and not only so, but there would be many dead stones in the building; in the house of God all the stones of the build-

ing are lively stones. See 1 Peter 2: 5 and Eph. 2:20. "And are built upon THE FOUNDATION of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." And the twenty-first verse says, "In whom all (not some of them in an other building seperated and divided) the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God (not some sect preacher; no, no, but for God) through the Spirit." But the builders rejected him, but he became the head of the building or the head of the corner. Psa. 118: 22.

God said, he would build his Church, and we have proven without a doubt by the word of God, that Christ was the ROCK upon which the foundation was laid, and now we have also proven that the wall was build and that out of lively stones; and now as all buildings start from the ground and go up, let us see about the floor that we walk on in this beautiful structure, the house of God. Micah 4: 12, "But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor." He will thoughtly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into his garner. A portion of the twelveth verse of the third chapter of Matt.; also Col. 2: 6, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." Then we have a floor to walk on that is solid in this house and one that is cleaned, because he said he would thoughtly purge it.

Now it having a floor; let us see how we can get into this floor, there must be an entrance into this floor, and into this building. Well this house should have a way of entrance. Oh yes, it has a door. Let us see about this door: Jesus said, "I am the door." John 10: 7. So there is a door and it has a good keeper. Notice! he says, "I set before you an open door. I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3: 8. Well praise our God for a house with a good foundation, with good walls, and a good clean floor and it is above the high water marks, with the overflows and all filthiness, for there must not be any tobacco chewers there to stain this clean floor. Amen. And it has a door, and a door keeper, and he will not let anything in there that is unclean, no thieves gamblers, liars, and none of those seeking a big name and fame, and too he will not let man shut this door against any.

Now, let us see about the roof of this building. Yes, he will cover us with his feathers. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall a-

bide, (stay) under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Psa. 91: 1-4. So then we have a good roof.

Now dear reader, we have upon the authority and by the word of God, proven that this church which we have been writing about, was founded by Christ and upon him, and that he is the rock, which this Church is built on, and that it has a solid foundation, and strong walls, has a floor, and a door, and a good covering. Now let us notice again the nature of the material in the wall of the building. Polished stones. See Psa. 144: 12. Spiritually they are beautiful. "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people; he will beautify the meek with Salvation." Psa 149: 4. How? by washing it white in his own blood.

Now we wish to call the attention of the reader to the location of this building. It is located in the top of the mountain. "But in the last days it SHALL come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord SHALL be established in the top of the mountains, and IT SHALL be exalted above the hills; (sects) and people SHALL flow unto IT." Micah 4: 1. The house of the Lord or Church is located above the swamps, and all the marshes, foggy places, and ponds were the tadpoles create. It is located in a high altitude, where the air is pure and athermal, where the rose of Sharon blooms and sends out its fragrance each month of the year; and among them the Cedars of Lebanon grow. It is so high that all people who wish to turn that way can see it if they desire. It is a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.

Now my dear reader are you in that kind of a Church? If you are, you are in a holy Church; and you did not have to join it, or sign a card to get into it, but by a spiritual birth; and that is the only way you can get in this Church. Because Jesus told Nicodemus so. And if you never have been born again, made anew, changed from dead works to a life in our Lord Jesus, you are not in the Church that Jesus built. You may say you was sprinkled into the Church, but that is not the one Jesus built, but is a man-made church, which Jesus had nothing to do with; but dear friend, if you will be born again of the Spirit of God,

that puts you into the Church of God or the family of God, which is the Church of God.

Now let us notice regarding the Church as is termed by several names of different objects.

First,—we notice the one by the name Flock, and it is termed flock, because they are the flock of the pasture of God, and are men. “Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.” Ezek. 34: 30-31. Peter said, “feed the flock.” 1 Peter 5: 2. Paul said, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all (not just some of it that suits us) the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” Acts 20: 28. Psalmist David said, “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.” Then there is always plenty of good grazing in the pasture of the Lord, and the Lord will keep pastors or shepherds that will not feed the flock of his, and we are glad for the feeding.

Second,—by Body. Because there are many members in this Church or body. And God sets every one in as it hath pleased him, (1 Cor. 12: 18) and we are born into this body by a spiritual birth, and every one is legitimate children, by family. Because we are all brethren. “All ye are brethren.” Matt. 23: 8. And these two terms are connected so closely, that there is no difference.

Third,—by Bride. Because the Church is the bride of Christ; because God is her maker. She tra-vailed in birth after marriage to her husband, and she also adorns herself for her husband.

Fourth,—Wife. Because she is the only one He has.

Fifth,—Fold. Because there is only one fold and one shepherd.

Sixth,—Mountain. Because it is much higher than all other places and much more beautiful. “Beautiful for situation, great is the Lord, and great to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.” Psal. 48: 1-3. Because the Lord dwells there.

Seventh,—Zion. Because it is a place of music. “And the ransomed of the Lord SHALL return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they SHALL obtain joy and gladness and sor-

row and sighing SHALL flee away.” Isa. 35: 10.

Eighth,—Jerusalem. Because she was from heaven. (Rev. 21: 3)*. And because the unclean cannot go into her. (Isa. 52: 1).

Nineth,—City. Because it hath a foundation. Heb. 11: 10. “But ye ARE come unto mount Zion, 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 firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to Spirits of just men made perfect. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.” Heb. 12: 22-24.

Tenth,—Building. Because it is a place of protection, of shelter, a place of rest and safety. It is also a building, because of the place to store away grain, wheat and sheaves.

Eleventh,—House. Because it is the place where the Father dwells, where Mother dwells, where Brother, Sister and really all of the family; and where God meets with all the holy family.

Now space calls for a close or conclusion, yet there could be much more said regarding this house, such as its door and the entering in at the door, and about the furniture and its arrangement, and about the record of the members and where the record is kept, and who the keeper is. etc.

But in conclusion, we wish to say this is a holy institution, and all of the ordinances of it is on the inside, and to be a partaker, you must get on the inside to get the benefit of them; such as Baptism, Feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. Amen.

Not Made With Hands

I know this earthly house shall fall,
But on those golden strands
I have a bright and blissful home
In a house not made with hands.

There peace and joy fore'er shall stay,
And there so fair there stands—
Where shines one bright eternal day—
A house not made with hands.

No pain or sorrow e'er shall come,
We'll clasp no parting hands,
And death shall never blight that home—
My house not made with hands.

And when this earthly house shall fall
I'll answer God's commands,
And find my home forever more
A house not made with hands.

—Ulysses Phillips.