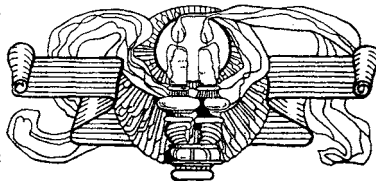


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*God is  
Love.*



*Jesus  
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## Trees of Righteousness

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.”—Psalm 1: 3.

Trees of righteousness, our Father,  
Are the planting of Thy hand;  
May they ever grow and flourish,  
Be a blessing in the land.

May they prosper by Thy waters,  
Bending o'er Thy crystal stream,  
Until those beneath their branches,  
Seeing, shall revive again.

Nourished by Thy living waters,  
Sending roots down deep in soil,  
May they be as stately monarchs  
As they pray and live and toil.

They are toiling, blessed Saviour,  
For Thy kingdom here below,  
Leading precious souls to glory,  
And their joy, 'tis Thee to know.  
—I. Edith Kriebel.

## Have You Lost Your First Love?

This is a question that every soul should ask themselves and search their hearts and look in the word of God with much prayer to our Father in heaven to find their true condition before God.

The enemy is very cunning and slimy in his ways to allure us away from the path of righteousness. He often steals in upon you very slowly, and gradually destroys that love and peace that so fills the soul when first born of the spirit. He will wrest the scriptures from their true meaning by some of his ministering agents, and make you believe that it is not necessary to be so careful about obeying this portion or that portion of the word. Or he will use them to get so strong and over-exerting on certain points, making the word mean more than God intended it should, so that you will become discouraged.

Now, there is a way that one can become settled and established in the truth of God, so that they will not be moved about by every wind of doctrine. This establishing process is brought about by us being firm and true to God through all the trials and strange circumstances that the wisdom of God may deem is best for us and His glory.

The essential thing in the Christian race is to keep the heart well charged with divine love. In the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians and thirteenth verse. In the LOVE chapter we find that three things abide in the heart of a Christian, faith, hope and charity, (Divine Love) but the greatest of these is divine love or charity. It is the greatest because Divine love is God in the soul and this life from God in the soul of man, is the portion of man that will put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15: 50.) or be clothed in the resurrection day with a glorified body. Phil. 3: 21. It will never fail, (1 Cor. 13: 8.) we can take it right on with us in the glory world and love God with the same love, only in a glorified state, unmolested by fleshly lusts and Satanic devices.

In St. John, three, sixteen, we have a verse of scripture that bears heavy upon our mind, the truth of God's great and unselfish love toward transgressors who had the penalty of eternal death hanging over their heads without any way of escape. God being LOVE and seeing us in this condition, sent His Son into the world, (not to condemn us) but to die in our stead and pay the penalty, which we could in no way pay; that through Him we might be saved from this death, to dwell with God through all eternity.

In first John, four sixteen, we have another verse of scripture that brings to our mind the love that God has to us. And says, “God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.” God created man for His own pleasure and glory and blessed him with all things which was good for his welfare in the earth, that he might be a companion to his creator; but through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life, wishing to be wise, he dis-

obeyed the words of God, bringing a curse upon himself. Later, God, by the hand of Moses gave his people a law to keep, and they broke the law and rebelled against God's prophets. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 23. We were doomed to destruction and had no hope. God's love manifested again toward us doomed creatures, by giving his Son to die and redeem us back to Him. Thus, we see that God is love and only by retaining that love in our hearts, can we be His children.

It is sad to think of the many in the world to-day that have lost that first love and are going on with a profession, deceiving their own heart by fair words and works. Good words spoken without being prompted by Divine Love in the heart are as sounding brass or a tinkling symbol, (1 Cor. 13: 1.) and good works done without God's love prompting them, can never be counted as laying up treasures in heaven. 1 Cor. 13: 3.

Turn to the second chapter of Rev. and see what God has written to the Church at Ephesus. He gave them to understand that he knew their works, labour and patience and many other good things that they did; but after all He had something against them, "Thou has left thy first love." He told them to remember from whence they had fallen and repent.

It is a good thing for us, when searching our hearts to call to mind how we did act when first saved from our sins, when the pure love of God was filling our souls and issuing out in word, act or deed.

In the tenth chapter of **Hebrews** and the thirty-second verse we are exhorted to call to remembrance the days when we were first illuminated, how that we gladly suffered and endured many things and had compassion and took joyfully the spoiling of our goods, knowing that we had in heaven a better and enduring substance that we should not cast away our confidence in God, which has a great recompence of reward. Telling us that the "just shall live by faith" and if we draw back, his soul would have no pleasure in us. In Matt. 5: 43 we read, what the love of God in the soul will cause one to do, that we may be the children of our Father which is in heaven; who causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends the rain on the just and unjust alike. The love of God in the soul will make us different from sinners; causing us to love the soul of our enemy and do good to those that hate us, pray for our persecutors and committing ourselves to God who judgeth righteously. By so doing, we will be perfect in this sense and manner as our Father in heaven is perfect.

Divine love in the soul will cause us to have a bur-

den for lost souls, in-so-much that we will be willing to sacrifice to give to the cause of God. We will have one object in view and that is to please God. We will spend and be spent in service for God and souls that are lost, we will always be careful of our words, thoughts and deeds and will value the honor and approval of God far greater than that of men.

Let each one examine themselves in the blazing light of God's word and see whether you are retaining the first love in your heart. Deeds done without being prompted by the pure love of God in the heart, are not wrought in God and will not be treasures laid up in heaven.

"Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4: 23. —Fred Pruitt.

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## The Christ Child

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As I ponder over days of long ago, there comes into my mind of the **Christ child**. I can picture him as he was born of a virgin, in a little humble place away out in a small town called Bethlehem. This beloved one had a manger for his bed. But ah! this child was to be more to the world than they at that time could imagine. They could not seem to realize he was to be the Saviour of the world. They only thought him to be a poor little waif child.

It has always been hard for human minds to understand what this dear Lord came to this world for. But one who has been broadminded and looked into the matter knows just why Jesus came here. I can picture him as he lay in a bed of straw, I believe he was just as contented as one who had a soft bed to lie upon. I don't believe he was cold lying in those swaddling cloths, for God his Father was keeping him from all harm and danger. The King in those days was not very much pleased when he heard of Jesus being born. So he sent out wise men to find him. These men followed the star which God had prepared in the heavens, they found the Christ, but did not return to tell the King where the child was. King Herod, wanted to destroy the Christ child, but we can here see a picture of our God protecting his own dear little child.

Let us read from Matt. 2: 13, "And when they were departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: For Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

God's hand was upon his own whom he loved and he made a way of escape. This reminds me of how

God takes care of one who is born into the family of God. He protects his children from the enemy as he did his child from King Herod. Now the King and all Jerusalem were much troubled about this child. I really do not think they understood the things that Jesus would do for the world, for Satan had them blinded, they only could see the temporal side of it. They thought he was to be the King of the Jews, and that did not set well with King Herod and others. But ah! let us stop here and see what our Christ really is to us.

He came to his own, but his own received him not, he wanted very much to help his own people, but they would not recognize him. They only scorned him to shame, they even turned him away, but we hear him say, "Oh Jerusalem, Oh Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Did not Jesus try to help them even though they were a rebellious people. Yes, he did; and is still trying to help them, but there are but few who are letting Him come into their hearts.

Let us look at another picture. Jesus has now come unto the Gentiles and we see how he has taken us right into his own heart, he has bought us with the price of his blood, all that we have to do is to come unto him repent and believe, then we are a part of Him.

I am so glad that Jesus did not only love the Jews, but he loved all mankind. I am so glad that he loved all sinners, for that takes in everyone, for we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Jesus came to this world for one purpose and that was to save his people from their sins. We are all his, for He paid the price on Calvary for us. He shed his blood that we might go free; he took our place. In other words, we were condemned to die, but Christ died in our stead. What more could He do than has been done; I believe He did all that was necessary. Why, oh why dear sinner, will you let this Christ child go unheeded? Why will you not let Him into your heart? It just seems I can see you standing there in your doomed condition just waiting for the word to be spoken, "go now to the place where you have chosen." "God is not willing that any should perish," but he tells all to come to repentance.

„Why, dear lost soul will you wait? Why not let Jesus come into your weary soul now? Why, do you linger when Jesus is calling? Why do you put him off from day to day? If you wait too long the day will be closed and then you will have to suffer throughout eternity. Come while our God has mercy upon you, give him your all, say yes to Him. I know you will

never regret it, for He is more to us than all this world. He will do more for us than all the world, he has already done more for us than all else; for He died for us that we might go free. I wish I could get you all to see how God is pleading for all to come to Him; He will never turn one down who is in earnest about his soul. Come, come, to God while he is striving, pleading with your soul. Don't put off your salvation, for if you do, you may be lost eternally.

Matt. 11: 28-30 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Isaiah the old Prophet of God wrote these good old words: "Come let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1: 18.

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes cease to do evil." Isa. 1: 16. —Ethel Lasley.

### POINTERS ON PRIDE

By W. B. McCafferty

The heart "lifted up" is soon "cast down"—Ezek. 28: 17.

Selfishness is the root of sin, and pride is the noxious blossom of iniquity.

Proud hearts and high mountains are always barren—Sel.

Pride is sin—the heart and core of iniquity. Prov. 21: 4.

God resisteth the proud—Pride is in contention with the Almighty. Consider Jas. 4: 6; 1 Pet. 5: 6.

Jesus said, "Thy Will," and through humility was exalted above every name that is named—King of kings and Lord of lords. Consider. Heb. 10: 7; Matt. 26: 39; Phil. 2: 9.

The Pharisee in the temple trusted in HIMSELF. He was self-centered, self-satisfied, self-superior—He "prayed thus with HIMSELF." Consider. Luke 18: 9-11.

The rebels of Nimrod would "make themselves a name," and became scattered abroad. "He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts!" Read. Gen. 11: 1-9; Luke 1: 51.

Pride, Obstinance and Rebellion are sisters inseparable.

The Proud, like fools, are de-void of wisdom. 1 Tim. 6: 4.

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### EDITORIALS

In reading George Muller's book of caring for his orphans, we find that he faced many difficulties and as he laid them before God, he was upheld by His strong arm and the many orphans were clothed and fed. When the orphans increased until they occupied all the room he had, he would then ask God for more room and God would provide more room. When he had more room than he was using, he would ask God for more orphans and this would be supplied.

We deem it a very important thing that the orphans be housed, clothed and fed. And God honors work of this kind and those who listened to God's voice and heard and harkened to the need of the orphans of George Muller's, supplying their needs, have gone to their reward, for God truly does reward all those who give of their substance as unto the Lord.

While God called George Muller to feed and clothe orphans literally; He has also called us to feed and clothe orphans spiritually, which is a greater work and of far more importance than the caring of the literal body. In Luke 12: 22, we read, "And He said unto his disciples, Therefore take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." In this scripture He gives the disciples and us to understand that it is a greater thing to give the life than meat to sustain it, and also it is a greater thing to give the body than clothes to cover it with.

It is much more needful and profitable to feed the soul than to feed and clothe the body. In fact if we feed the soul on bread from heaven and clothe it with

His righteousness; He has promised to add all these needful, temporal things. Matt. 6: 33. When one is filled with His peace and love and clothed with His Righteousness, the fret and worry about temporal things should disappear and a quiet calm confidence in God exist, even under severe trials.

There are many men and women in the world that are orphans spiritually speaking and they are in great need (lest they perish) of being fed on the truth of God's word that they may know that they have a Father in Heaven that loves them and is anxious to destroy sin, separating them from it and to fill them with joy unspeakable and with glory, fitting them for the purity of heaven. They need this truth printed and sent out freely to them or less they will perish without a Saviour. You and I are responsible to God to do all we can to rescue the fallen and the needy. If we fail God in this, it will be on record in heaven on the Book of life. God will talk to the heart that is willing and anxious to obey His voice, but folks will shut themselves away from the voice of God by not being willing in heart to do just as He says. God does not force Himself on any body, but desires perfect willingness, for He loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9: 7. It is quite a trick of the enemy, when God talks to a soul about giving to His cause, to get them to make excuses and think much of their own (often supposed) needs or to think that others can do or give and put God off in this way, and perhaps never do at all that thing God would bless them in doing. Treating God this way a few times, will cause Him to cease troubling us about giving or doing anything much. In our earlier Christian life when we were much more ignorant of God's ways than we are now, we had some experiences in giving, and granting that you pardon us for the references we shall give an account of a few instances in which we learned some valuable lessons.

One time there was in need of a booklet being printed that would expose the devil's drift and compromise work among the saints. The manuscript was written and ready to be printed, there was no means to buy the paper with which to print it on. God moved on my heart to send thirty-five dollars to buy the paper with. I was living on the farm at that time and had some obligations to soon meet, I told the Lord about them and wanted to be excused. The Lord would not accept my excuses, but held this duty before me, I sent the money, the booklet was printed and has done much good, the Lord blessed my soul and when the obligations were to be met, the Lord provided the means, so I suffered no embarrassment. Three or four months later there was some missionaries in India who were in great need of near two hundred dollars. They were on starvation rations and had a debt to pay. The Lord laid it on my heart to send it to them, we thought the Lord surely must be mistaken, surely He would have others to help with this amount. Many excuses came to us, and after a day we had it in mind that the thing to do was to go to the bankers and wealthy business men of our town and tell them about their condition and get help from them. Before we got at this

the Lord made it very plain that He meant for me to do this, and not ask help from anyone. And as we looked to God in prayer, He gave us victory over all excuses and we became glad and willing to obey His voice.

When we give to the cause of God, we are only taking that which He has given us and giving back to Him, and therefore we have no room to be lifted up or to think that we have done any great thing as it is only reasonable and wholly proper for us, who have presented our bodies as living sacrifices (Rom. 12: 1) to obey His voice. By making excuses and refusing to obey His voice, we can soon get in a place where we never hear God telling us to do anything. And it seems that many are in this condition to-day, and souls are perishing because of their deafness spiritually. The cause of God suffers and much work that should be done is never done, because of this condition, someone will be responsible in the **Judgment day**; brother will it be I or you? Let us each one seek God until we are willing to obey His voice in all things and our pathway to heaven will be bright and shiny.

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The work at the office is moving along fairly well and we have a deep decision to move right on in His fear, even though we do suffer a lack in many ways that would hinder the progress of the work. We know that God is on His throne and will see us through as we make Him our strength. Many of our readers may think it is a small matter to print and circulate the tracts and papers, but the work has increased until the papers and tracts go out continually to all parts of the world, and the demand for paper, postage and other monthly expenses such as food supplies, fuel, electric and water bills, pull heavy and we are often in earnest prayer that we may be able to meet the bills promptly, and hold the confidence of those without, and at the same time be able to send the papers and tracts to all who call for them. Continue to pray for us as we mean to go on with the Lord and obey the call. He has given us whether we are able to do little or much. God has reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation, and so we mean to be faithful in printing and sending forth the gospel that others may be reconciled to God through Christ. "For God hath made Him sin for us, who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5: 21

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"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8: 14. A soul that is truly led by the spirit of God, can count themselves happy indeed, as the way of the transgressor is hard. There are a host of folks in the world to-day that claim to be led of the Lord and many times you will find that their leadings are contrary one to another, by this we know that some one is, and perhaps both are led of another spirit. John says, "There are many spirits gone out into the world." God is blamed for many things which He does not do. Many have jumped to do with

only impulses, conclusions or vivid impressions and called it leadings of the Lord, only to bring sorrow upon themselves and sometimes reproach to the cause of Christ. Whole congregations have been torn asunder and malice, envy and hatred planted in the hearts of otherwise good sober Christians, by some hasty, impulsive, would-be leader who imagined he was led of the Lord to pass judgment on certain ones who were not measured to his over-drawn imagination of truth. Some of our prophets in the land to-day seem to think it reproachful and dishonoring to them not to know, when asked about certain things. True Prophets know many things that others do not know and can easily answer properly in many questions; but there are other things that they need to pray to God about and get clear sober knowledge from God before answering or moving to do. When a prophet gets to knowing all things, God will cease to be God to them. Paul uttered a great truth when he said, "For, though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet, have ye not many fathers." There are many in the world today that are ready to instruct you; but there are not many that have a father's care for your soul's welfare. The sober, well-balanced judgment of a tried and true Prophet should be greatly appreciated by other prophets and all members of the Body. Many times the ones that are least able to render true judgment, lift themselves up as the most tried and proven of all prophets, becoming stubborn and self-willed with so much conceit that no one knows but them. The higher one soars, the harder will be the fall, and the greater will be the destruction. A plain, humble simple life is a safeguard against an inflated condition and will enable one to weigh well and render righteous judgment in weighty, spiritual matters.

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Bro. Robert Longley, who has been a missionary to the Fiji Islands for the last few years is expecting to leave there for New Zealand and then to Australia, expecting to return to the United States in the near future. In former letters he made mention of visiting the other missionaries in India and Egypt while en-route for home. We would much desire for him to do this as he could report to us of their work there; the need of the work, what they were accomplishing and how they were spiritually and otherwise. At the same time it would be a great encouragement to them for him to visit there, as they would become better acquainted with conditions here and the forward movement of the saints against sin and all unrighteousness. We know that it will take much means to do this and we are praying that God will plentifully supply Bro. Longley, insomuch that he will not become financially embarrassed while on his route homeward. We have known Bro. Longley for many years and have worked shoulder to shoulder in holding up the truth; have seen him in severe and strange trials, tested many times beyond the strength of man and through it all he stood true to God being sustained from above. His labors in the Fijian Islands will be long

remembered after he has left there, as he has written us many times of souls that found the Lord and others who received more light and knowledge of God and truth. We expect to keep in touch with him as he moves from place to place on his homeward journey, and those who have means for him can send them to us, and we shall gladly forward them on to him. Do not forget to pray for him as he will meet up with many difficulties enroute that we know nothing about. He will have a hearty welcome in the home land among the saints, for all that know him have much holy love for him.

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Grandma Spradling whom we mentioned some time ago of being so poorly in mind and body is some better at this writing, but not well at all. We hire a nurse at one dollar per day to feed and care for her. She has been in this Bible way for many years, has washed the saint's feet both literally and otherwise, also she is eighty-three years old, being without relatives able to support her. We look after her business affairs, and will care for means sent to her and use it as she needs; any funds more than is needed will be used for her final expenses, as she ought to have a good Christian burial.

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Sister Rachel Norcutt, who has been helping us in the office work since early spring, left last Tuesday (Sept. 24) for Ft. Scott, Kans. Her parents live near there and they desired her to return. She may return to Guthrie in a few months. She has given the Lord some faithful service that will go on record in heaven, and we are glad the Lord sent her this way. The saints here will also miss her association, and our prayer is that God will continue to bless and keep her in His love.

Bro. William Cramer, who came from Pa. to the office work over a year and a half ago by direct leadings of the Lord, felt that it would please the Lord for him to return to his home in Quakertown, Pa., at least for a season, and so he left here on the last day of Sept. in his Ford coupe for that place. Bro. Cramer fitted into the work at the very beginning and soon learned to operate the linotype and then the cylinder press and has served in that capacity all the time while here. He proved to be a good steady servant in the "Lord's Print Shop," and was also a good help in the jail meetings and those at the county farm, at the chapel and in other places where we were permitted of the Lord to hold protractive meetings. The readers of "Faith and Victory" owe much to him for his loyal service in getting the paper printed and sent to them. He had good fellowship with the saints in Okla. and many prayers will continue to be offered up in his behalf. Our readers will know by the absence of help that we shall be over burdened with work, and we may not be able to get the paper out as promptly as heretofore; but we assure you that we shall do the very best we can. My son, Lawrence, will operate the linotype machine after school hours, and with the younger children's help we shall move on with the

work, praying that God will lay His hand upon some one who would be able and willing to do the linotype and press work. It takes consecrated souls to labor in this office work, as none connected with the work receive more than their daily needs; this, together with a plain, humble simple life is repulsive to those who have their affections on things of time and sense. We are expecting your prayers and co-operation as God makes known his will to you.

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The Assembly Meeting of the saints of God will be held during the Christmas holidays at Guthrie, Okla. as it usually has been. The saints here are beginning now to prepare for it by laying aside each week as the Lord prospers them. If the saints of each congregation will begin to do this, there will not be so much need of gathering funds together during the meeting. Those who wish to send in offerings to help bear the expenses of the meeting can send it to us as we have been appointed treasurer for the assembly here. The food or eatables that you have for the meeting can be sent to Bro. G. W. Winn, 1309 W, Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. He will care for them. The congregation here is settling down more in God and we are expecting them to be in a splendid condition for the coming assembly meeting.

## Camp-meeting Reports

To the dear saints scattered abroad, Greetings in holy love. This afternoon finds us still saved, sanctified and satisfied in Jesus and His dealings with us.

Our Camp Meeting has come and gone, and God gave us a good meeting. It will never be known, all the good that was done until the judgment. God saved souls and sanctified believers and healed those that came to Him in faith believing. The old-time truth went forth with power and authority and anointing, as it did in the beginning of this Reformation.

On Sat. evening forty-four taken part in feetwashing and the Lord's supper. The last day ten followed the Lord in baptism. The ministers present were all one in heart and doctrine.

We are now looking forward to next year. The Lord willing we will have another camp meeting here beginning about the middle of August or on Thursday following the close of the Okla. City meeting. Let every one plan to come and if some of us go on to our reward, some one else will take up the work where we lay it down. So lets keep busy until we are taken from labour to reward. Pray for us.

Yours saved today, —Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

## MEETING REPORTS

Our Camp Meeting here at Blackford, Ky. has come and gone. We sure praise God for the dear saints we met this time from different places; we feel much encouraged to press the battle on. The preaching was not in enticing words of man's wisdom, but they were anointed of God and in the demonstration of the

Spirit.

Several were saved, some sanctified, and some healed. Two were baptized; twenty-one took part in the ordinance of feetwashing and the Lord's supper. We feel much good was done in this meeting in uniting the people of God into a closer bond of love and fellowship. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in these good meetings.

One dear soul while under conviction seemed to be bound by the enemy for more than a day and night this poor soul was in this shape. The saints continued praying for him. God broke this band which bound and he found peace with God and came back to meeting and came to the altar and began telling and warning sinners not to ward off conviction as he did, but come to Christ. He told of what he had gone through with, felt the torture of hell. Then how the Lord delivered him from this. He then began to shout the praises of God; conviction went over the congregation, sinners came to the altar crying for mercy, while others were shouting and praising God. The presence of the Holy Spirit was there, some were saved that night.

The saints here are much encouraged to do what we can and are looking forward for another good camp meeting next year. So many of the saints were hindered in different ways and did not get to be in the meeting. We hope that more will be with us next year. We long to meet the dear saints of God, and it is sad to part when the meetings are over.

The ministers present were, Bro. F. M. Fowler from Dexter, Mo., Bro. L. L. Perry from Loranger, La., Bro. Wm. C. Hughes from Fosterville, Tenn., Sister Lottie Joiner also Sister Grace Martin from Loranger, La. The preaching was backed up by the power of God, we feel this meeting has done much good. Some of the ministers left for their homes, while some went to other places to hold meetings. —Mrs. Chas. Berry.

Dear Bro. Pruitt and office workers:—Greeting in Jesus' name. After some delay I thought to write to tell the readers of "Faith and Victory" about the glorious meeting the Lord gave us in Boley, Okla. It was wonderful and glorious. The blessed Saviour manifested His presence from the very beginning of the meeting. The camp was on fire in the early morning prayer meetings, in the general services and other meetings our God manifested his presence. The people didn't wait to be invited to come to the altar; but would come as soon as they came under the tent and bow before our blessed heavenly Father and Saviour, with crying, weeping and praying, pouring out their hearts to God for salvation. Oh, what rejoicing there was among the angels in heaven and the saints in Boley. The ministers that have been in this reformation for years said, "they had never seen it on this order before." Words cannot describe the great manifestation of the work of God. Many said it was the best meeting they had ever witnessed. There was oneness both among the ministry and among the saints. Satan came as he always does where the children of God meet together; but the mighty power of God held him

in subjection and the Spirit of God had the preeminence. To our blessed Saviour be all the praise and glory forever. Seventeen claimed Salvation, twelve followed the Lord in Baptism, a goodly number partook of the Lord's supper and the ordinance of washing feet. Quite a number of ministers were present from different parts of the state, many visiting saints and a host of others. Our banker and some of the ministers and merchants of our town visited the meeting.

The Church is much edified and have a deep decision, a thorough consecration to go through with Jesus at any cost. To God be the glory, Amen. Your Bro, in Christ for the whole truth. M. J, Philips.

### SONG BOOKS

We are now in a position to supply you with the "Select Hymn" song book and also the "Reformation Glory" song book.

We will post pay these song books to you at the following prices. . . . . "Select Hymn" song book, cloth bound, 632 Pages, Price each. . . . .75 cents

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The following books contain good soul-food and we can post them to you at prices quoted.

"Steps to Christ" paper bound. 128 pages. Price. . . . .25 cents each.

"Harry the news boy" cloth bound, 62 pages. Price. . . . .60 cents each.

"Bible story book" cloth bound, 608 pages. Price. . . . . \$2.00 each.

We have some "Scripture verse" envelopes which we will post to you at the rate of fifteen cents, for twenty-five or forty cents for one hundred.

### OBITUARIES

Peter Tucker, was born in Williamson Co. Tenn., in the month of April 1853, died Sept. 20, 1929—age 76 yrs. and 5 mo.

He moved to Topeka, Kans. in 1877. Was united in marriage to Rosa Scofield in 1883. In 1893 he moved to Okla. and made his home about 4 miles east of Dover, where he lived until God called him hence.

Bro. Tucker was converted in early manhood and joined the Baptist church. Has often said he longed for deeper truths than was taught there. About 18 years ago he heard the Gospel in its fullness and walked in the light of the same.

Bro. Tucker was patient during his illness, bearing his suffering with patience. Shortly before his death, he said, "My time has come, God has blessed me this far and I am satisfied."

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, one brother in Tenn., and other relatives and friends.

Funeral by the writer. Text Heb. 9: 27.

—Ulysses Phillips.



## OBITUARY

Elva Jennie Langston was born at Springfield, Ill. Mar. 31, 1861, and passed from this life at 5:45 P. M. July the first 1929, at the age of 68 yrs. and 3 months.

She, with her mother and one brother moved to Kan. in the year of 1878. On Aug. the 18th, 1880, she became the wife of Albert Hewett.

To this union, three children were born of whom two with the husband preceeded her to the great beyond. One daughter, Mrs. Claude Mathews, with whom she made her home, also a host of friends are left to mourn the loss of mother and friend.

Services were held in the Christian church at Valley Junction, Iowa, where she has resided for a number of years. Services were conducted by the writer from the text found in Psa. 116 :15.

Geo. R. Burges. Des Moines, Iowa.

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### Faith With Humbleness

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Dear reader, this morning I feel led to talk about faith with humbleness. I find this morning that a humble life will take us futher than anything else. It was a long time before I got in a humble state where God could use me. We may think we are as humble as God wants us to be, but there are many ways we can be humble. We may humble down to pray; but is that the only way we can be humble? Here is the thing I want to bring to your minds.

Are you willing to be treated any way for Jesus' sake? Are you willing for God to have His way with you? Are you willing to do anything for Jesus? Don't care what the world says about you, just be like a little child. If you are that way, then you are humble. You know a little child you can do mostly anything to them and they will go on and take it. When they taken Jesus and done what pleased them, he never said a word but took it all humbly. And He left an example for us. We read where Jesus said, "If ye humble yourself, ye shall be exalted." Matt. 23 : 12. We can give many places where if we are humble, God will be merciful to us.

Here in Matt. 8th chapter we find where a leper came to Jesus and worshiped him saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean." Wasn't it faith with humbleness that caused the leper to be clean. Jesus saw his faith and humbleness and had mercy on him. And I say unto you, today, if you are full of sin and come to Jesus in faith with humbleness, He will forgive your sins and make you clean.

In Luke the 18th chapter we read a great lesson on humbleness, where the Pharisee and the publican went up to pray. We know that the Pharisee prayed within his self, and did not have God in the question. And did he get a blessing? No, we are sure he did not. For he was not letting God have any chance to bless his life. And so is every one that does not humble himself. And we find where the publican humbled himself; and what took place? Why Jesus said

he went down to his house justified, rather than the other. That is what Jesus said. So we are made to believe His word. Why are we not getting any more from God? Because we have not enough faith with humbleness,

So dear reader, if you are unsaved today just come with faith and humbleness, and He will make you clean. God is still the same God. If any one has changed, it is you. Jesus still loves you today and he is pleading with you. Harden not your heart and hear His voice and come and be saved today. We read how good God is to us if we will let him be.

Now I want to show you what faith and humbleness does for people. You remember back in Jonah's time when Nineveh was so wicked, God told Jonah to go and warn them, for God was going to overthrow their city. What saved the city? If they had been high minded God would have done what he said. But it was because they had repented and humbled themselves before God. So God repented of the evil that He had said, and saved them.

So it is with you today, if you are willing to come to God in a humble attitude, in faith believing, He will wonderfully save you.

So dear unsaved friend, will you not think this thing over and come to God? Jesus said that this old world is going to be destroyed some day. Will you not come to Jesus and be saved while God is merciful to you. Just go to God in faith and humbleness and He will pardon all of your sins. May the God of heaven wake people up, is my prayer.

A true friend, —Mrs. Jewel Collie.

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We are given to Christ out of the world. Jno. 17:6.

We are left in the world. . . . . Jno. 17: 11-15.

We are not of the world. . . . . Jno. 17: 14.

We are hated by the world. . . . . Jno. 17: 14.

We are kept from the evil of the world. . . Jno. 17:15.

We are sent into the world. . . . . Jno. 17: 18.

We are preaching the word to the world. . . . Jno. 17: 20-21.

Pure religion and undefiled is this\*\*\*to keep himself unspotted from the world. . . . . Jas. 1: 27.

The world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. . . . . Gal. 6: 14.

Ye are the light of the world. . . . . Matt. 5: 14.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel. . . . . Mark 16: 15. —Chapman.

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What the church most pressingly needs for the accomplishment of her great work is not more numerous agencies, not new methods of evangelization, not increase of material wealth, but a deeper and more abiding realization of the presence and blessing of God in her midst. *Then shall the earth yield her increase.*

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"Tho Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,  
If he's not born in thee,  
Thy soul is still forlorn!" —Sel.



## LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

### Grief Is Lonely

Grief is very lonely,  
None that go by  
Have the time to linger  
Hearing a sigh.

Grief is ever lonely,  
Few stay their pace  
Hearing sounds of weeping  
In a sad place.

One has left message  
Through the weary years,  
One alone would comfort  
All the pain and tears.

When your hour of grief comes  
Sorrow sweeps you down,  
This shall be your stronghold,  
This, your crown.

—Sel.

### The Lamb's book of Life

There is a book which is called the Lamb's book of life. This book signifies that there is a record kept in heaven of our lives while we live in this world. In the twenty-first chapter of Revelations we read about the description of heaven, and what a glorious place that will be. Its glorious beauty can never be fully known until we reach it and see it with our own eyes. But it also tells us that only those that are written in the Lamb's book of life can enter there. So then we can plainly see by this that those that will enter heaven will be those who have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21: 27.

In this world we see many people that have their names on some book here, but that will not profit them any, if they fail to have their names in the Lamb's book of life, they are lost and of all men most miserable. People may receive great honor in this world and may attain a high name among men, but that does not bring the honor which God gives those who seek to have their treasures in heaven. In the tenth chapter of Luke where Jesus was sending out the seventy disciples and when they returned unto Him again after making their journey, they told Him how great miracles they had done through the name of Jesus. And this is what He told them, "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you, *but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*" Luke 10: 20. He told them not to think or re-

joice of the wonderful things which were done through his name, but they should rejoice because they had their names in heaven. Jesus valued this very highly, even more than doing miracles. Then truly it is a wonderful thing to know we have our names written in heaven.

The question may be asked, "How can I know that my name is written in heaven?" Well, this question can easily be solved by carefully studying the Bible along this line. The apostle Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 5: 17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Also the apostle John tells us "that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." So then we see by these two scriptures that we don't need to doubt or guess so, but we can know so, and feel that God has saved our soul.

Then dear children, we have a book which truly can be called the Book of books. Then ask yourself the question, "Is my name written there?" To have our names on a church book, will not stand the test in the day of judgment. We must have our names on the Lamb's book of life. And the only way that we know that it is on there, is by repenting of our sins, and getting saved. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." John 3: 3. There will not be any on that book who are not living for Jesus, but all will be pure and holy. May the Lord help each one who reads this, to ask themselves and search their lives to see if their names are on the Lamb's book of life. It will be a sad sight to be found before the Judge or God and witness the scene, "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20: 15.

Let us earnestly seek God, until we know we have "passed from death unto life." And are assured that our names are enrolled in heaven. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there; Will I find *you* there?

Your friend in Jesus, —William Cramer.

"He is counting on you!"  
On a love that will share  
In his burden of care,  
For the souls he has bought  
With his life-blood; and sought  
Through his sorrow and pain  
To win 'Home' yet again.  
He is counting on you,  
If you fail him—  
What then?" —Sel.

Boley, Okla.—Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ: I have been reading "Faith and Victory" testimonies from the saints. I felt this evening that I should write to the paper too.

I am a little girl ten years old, I got saved when I was nine years of age, but I went back. But got saved since then and now I know I am saved again. I give Jesus all the glory and praise for keeping me saved and sanctified. He heals me when I get sick. He will not fail to show us the right way. Praise the Lord. Pray for me.

Your sister, —Albirder Crawley.

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Boley, Okla.—Dear Bros. and Sisters. Greeting you in Jesus' name. I am a little girl twelve years old, I am saved. I read the Bible. I like to read the Faith and Victory paper; it sure is a good little paper. The Lord heals me when I get sick. I was once saved, but I went back, now I am saved again. Praise the dear Lord. Pray for me that I might go on.

Your sister in Christ, —Rutha Mae Crawley.

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Pittsburg, Kans.—I wish you would send me six of those Faith and Victory papers every month. So that I may help you spread the gospel. I have been praying for you that the Lord would send in money to meet your needs.

I am only fourteen years of age, but when I quit school and get work, I will be glad to help you. I have only been a child of God a short time, but the Lord is helping me. May the Lord pour out his blessings upon you all.

Your sister in Christ, —Irene Russell.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Suva, Fiji Islands — Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, family and workers. May the dear Lord who has promised strength as our day, continue to bless and supply needed grace and courage to fight a good warfare in these perilous times, to "keep the faith" and "earnestly contend for it."

I am glad indeed to be able again to send all of you greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

Was glad indeed Bro. Pruitt, for your letter and to hear of how all of you and the work in general there is getting along. I have also Bro. William's good letter with the nice cheery letters from the children.

I got the Faith and Victory and was encouraged much by its contents, also I received the nice lot of Sunday school cards that Sister Pruitt sent. Many thanks for same.

I was sorry to hear that Grandma had not been feeling so well, but hope she is feeling better by now. It is nice that she has such good and considerate people to take care of her. I am sure the Lord has a wonderful place awaiting her.

No doubt, you have been enjoying the many campmeetings being held at various places the past summer, and if you are once back at the office you have much in store to give out and feel much encouraged, knowing that your labors in the Lord are not in vain. Praise his name.

I am much encouraged here, and I feel the Lord put a seal upon my stay, in that a few nights ago a

young man got saved at the prayer meeting. He has been coming to my room quite often, asking questions on the Bible and was really hungry for the truth. At the little prayer meeting on Thursday night he was in, and it just seemed the Lord was present to save, and was in the singing, the prayers and scripture reading. When some were praying, I felt like speaking to the young man, and he said, he wanted to get saved, so repented of his sins, and I feel has truly been born again, bringing such a change in his life. I feel I can leave with a much freer spirit now, as I had been praying and desiring this to take place before I left Fiji.

All being well I shall be leaving here on Oct. 31 by "Aoravji", and expect to spend a few weeks in New Zealand and Australia if the Lord so prospers the way. I shall write later and explain more in detail my plans or intentions all in the will, mercy and guidance of the dear Lord, not desiring to take any steps out of His will and approval.

We are having lots of rain here just now, but otherwise conditions are favorable, but the spiritual conditions are getting harder and harder as in most all places of the world.

Now, I will have to be closing for this time by sending my best love and wishes to all collectively and asking you to pray for me.

Your Bro. in the Faith, —Robert Longley.

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Clinton, N. C.—Dear saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' name. I have been getting your little paper, Faith and Victory. I sure do enjoy reading it, it is such a help to me. So I feel impressed to write my testimony this evening. I thank the Lord that I can say, "I am saved" and expect to go through at any cost. I am fifteen years of age. I have been in this way for nearly one year. I am not tired of the way at all. Of course we may have trials and temptations, but they only draw us closer to the dear Lord; but sometimes it seems pretty hard to say we thank the Lord for the hard trial we have had.

Well, we can thank him in a way. He says, give thanks in all things. We can thank the Lord it brought us closer to him. Oh, dear ones, we never get too old to learn a lesson; I don't think we will be in the fight much longer before Jesus will come. According to the Bible the time is close at hand; of course no one knows when He is coming, but He says, "When the branches are yet tender and putting forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh, so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door." Matt. 24: 32-33. I pray God to help us to spend all our days to His cause.

May God ever bless us and keep us where he can use us. Pray for me that I stand true to the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Selene M. Sparrow.

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Kunnankulam, S. Malabar, India— My dear Bro. and Sister: Yours of July 31 is to hand with the money order of nine dollars; thank you very much.

The money came to help me in a critical moment. God hears the prayers of His children, but they have to suffer—it is good for them.

Though I am going through much financial and other troubles I am getting more and more filled with the peace of God. The work of God in the way He shows me is the joy of my heart.

Some pamphlets and books on several themes in our language are badly needed for the work in these places. I have prepared the manuscript for a pamphlet and others in preparation. God should help me to publish them.

Pray for me and the work. I intend to go on a missionary trip after a few days.

You are having a good time of Camp-meetings. God bless all of you in the work there.

With Christian love to each one.

K. V. Cherian.

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Sullivan, Ky.—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. This morning finds me saved and sanctified, and kept by the mighty power of God with a great desire to do His will, to follow all the way by His grace and help, in which I give God all the glory and praise. Bless His holy name.

It is certainly grand to have such a loving and merciful Saviour to supply all our needs, protect and guide us in His precious truth.

I desire an agreement in prayer, of all the saints of God for the healing of my body. I am going through a severe trial. My nerves are broken down and I am weak, both physically and mentally. I am seeking healing. I have got relief several times for a short spell. It seems that every accusing power is trying to hinder faith. Pray that my faith will increase until I shall be healed, for God has all power in heaven and earth. It seems I am needed so badly as my husband is an invalid and I am a dependent in many ways. Hold on to God for my husband to be delivered from his affliction, for God is just and doeth all things well. Pray for the deliverance of my boy who was hurt in an automobile accident, in which he was thrown from a bicycle that he was riding, cutting his foot badly.

Please pray earnestly as I desire a complete deliverance from this affliction. I know God answers prayer.

Your saved sister in Christ, contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Mrs. T. A. Bean.

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Frankfort, Ky.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I have been thinking of writing for some time, but have been sick in a very nervous condition. There are some things I don't understand, but I have told Jesus all about it, and I know He heals all manner of diseases, so that takes in my case. I am trusting Him with all the knowledge I have and I do earnestly desire all of "Faith and Victory" readers, to pray for me.

My folks thought I was going to die, but God knew what was best, so I am dead to sin, but alive to righteous and God knows me and I know Him; He is mine

and I am his. I am holding high the blood stain banner to this dying world. Some seem to think I had better be tending to my business. They don't understand me for that is my business to be a doer of the word, for my Father said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Praise His dear name.

Oh, it is so sweet to know thus saith the Lord. Well, I am happy in the Lord today. I have had to give up my dear home to my children to take care of it. I am going among my children, staying awhile with each one; but I can say with the poet, "there is no place like home." My heart cries for "home sweet home," but the children are afraid if I stay at my home, they soon won't have any mother; they all love mother.  
—Mrs. Nannie V. Brnmback.

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Paris, Texas.—Dear Bro: I received your paper, "Faith and Victory." I sure do thank you for it, there is no body that enjoys "Faith and Victory" any more than I do. It was sent to Mrs. Lena Luttrell, she was my wife, she is dead now, died March 25th 1929. She was a holiness preacher for twenty-three years. She died in the faith.

I will thank you very kindly to continue the paper. When I am able I will send you some money. Will also be glad for any tracts you send me; I will take pleasure in giving them out. If you will send me some extra copies of the paper, I will pass them around.

Your Bro. in Christ, —T. G. Luttrell.

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Exeter, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: I have been reading the Faith and Victory paper, its so encouraging and such a comfort to me. I got the roll of papers and I wanted to send you some money, but I can't just now.

I have lost everything I had; all my goods were burnt up in my son's house. I lost all my winter clothes and my bed, everything I had. I am sixty-nine years old and work out for people to make a living. I will send an offering later on, as the Lord keeps me well and able to work.

I can praise God for salvation. I am kept free from all sin. Praise our God from whom all blessings flow.  
—Mary Harper.

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Woodburn, Oregon.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Your little paper was handed to me recently by a good old mother in Isreal. In fact she has gave me three I think in all and believing as I do in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so far as I can see by your publication you take your stand for the whole truth, just as the Bible teaches it, that as we have learned Christ, we should put on Christ showing the world we have crucified the old man, (that is the deeds of the flesh) and being born of the spirit, we put on the new man and live a new life after the spirit. Praise the Lord.

Now Bro. I am going to be plain in telling you some things I take my stand against. The ungodly styles and fashions of the world today, such as: bobb-

ed hair, dresses all together too short at the top and bottom. I do not believe it is right to wear jewelry, neither do I favor the powder and paint. I do not believe it is becoming to saints to jest and joke, nor this trashy and idle conversations. I condemn shows of all kind, fairs and the such like. I do not believe a person can live a justified life and attend the baseball, basketball or any other kind of a ball game. As I said I believe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation. Bless the Lord. I have been saved for a long time and I am not tired of this way yet, the longer I live it, the more I like it; the more real it gets to be. It is not going to be so very long until I am going home. What a gathering that will be when I can see Jesus face to face and then there is brother Paul; oh, how I love his council, then there will be Peter, James, John and so many more we love to read and think about, it makes my eyes fill with tears of joy.

I have been a reader and a worker with the Gospel Trumpet Co. for twenty years and more, but the last few years they are setting forth some new or strange doctrine (may I call it such) they uphold a preacher in attending ball games on Sunday, if the community in which he lives goes to the ball game. Now I can't hardly agree with that, they do not come out and speak against the worldliness of their followers. I suppose you know more about them than I do, but they uphold divorce and re-marriage and I claim there is not one passage of scripture between the lids of my Bible that tells a man can divorce his wife for adultery. Oh may the God of heaven open the eyes of his professed saints. They remind me of the fourth chapter of Isaiah they are like the seven women, they want to wear their own apparel, (righteousness) and eat their own bread, (doctrine), but want to be called by "Church of God." I cannot help it brother, it makes me sad.

Please send me a few of your tracts, also Faith and Victory for one year.

Sincerely your Brother in Christian love,  
—Willis E. Rice.

Grand Rapids, Minn.—Dear saints, greeting in Jesus' precious name. I am writing because I am lonesome and I would like to visit with you, but cannot so this is the next best thing I can think of. I do enjoy the fellowship of God's people and when I meet with them we have a double,—a twofold fellowship.

In 1 Jno. 1: 3-4 we read, "That which we seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." Sixth verse. "If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."

See Mal. 3: 16-18, "Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another, and the Lord harkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared, and thought upon his name. And they shall be mine saith the Lord in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will

spare them as a man spareth his own son, that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not." Amen.

—W. H. Smith.

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Kind Bro. and Sister in Christ: Have been reading Faith and Victory and I do say that words cannot express the great help it has been to me. I once was saved, but through ignorance of God's eternal Word I fell back to the ways of the world, not having any saints living near me to encourage me, and to tell me how the enemy would work to draw our attentions on him, but praise the Lord, I can say through Faith and Victory I have found a way that we can shun the devil. I have been built up by the good testimonies of God's people; it is my prayer this morning that each and everyone may press on, for the day of God is at hand. Men may tell us that the world is the same to day as it ever was, even four or five hundred years ago, but dear ones, it is not, so let us all prepare to meet the Saviour, for His coming is at hand. The blessed Word tells us that men go to and fro through the earth, and people will become scornful, before that great day, and did you ever see a time that people was prouder and more scornful and every thing on the fast run than they are in this present day. May God bless every saint of God that they may send forth words in every place they go that will melt the heart of sinners. I ask every saint of God who knows the worth of prayer to pray for me that I may grow stronger in the Lord and become more pliable in His hand. I realize that we get nothing from the world only discouragements, but we can't expect for an unsaved one to point us to Christ, for they know nothing to tell us. May God bless and stir our hearts more than ever before to live as He demands us, for he tells us that perilous times would come, and Bro. they are here. We may rest assured that every word of God is truth, so Lord bless every child this morning to be open for God.. Pray for me. Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Anna Sigler. Sullivan, Ky.

It is because God is "our own God," that we are so anxious to make him known.

"Whoso hath felt the Spirit of the Highest,

Cannot confound, nor doubt him, nor deny;

Yea, with one voice, O world, though thou deniest,

Stand thou on that side, for on this am I."

We are reminded of those noble words of Andrew Fuller, to whom the initiation of modern missions to the heathen is so largely due: "We met and prayed for the heathen. We were drawn out of ourselves. God blessed us while we tried to be a blessing. Our hearts were enlarged, and we were baptized into a deeper sympathy with the soul-saving purposes of the Redeemer."—Ex.

—Sel.

When James says the tongue "is set on the fire of hell" he means that it expresses the wickedness within the heart. James 3: 6.

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## Church of God

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Without a word to contradict,  
Without a statement to conflict,  
The Bible does God's church declare,  
And show us why, and when, and where.

First, let us ask some questions plain,  
Which tighten up this scriptural chain,  
And clear your mind, if such need be,  
And help you thus the truth to see.

Of all the churches of the day,  
Which is the right one, tell me, pray?  
Which is the one where Christ abides?  
Which is His true and chosen bride?

Come, tell me whither I may go  
To find the church that I may know  
Is built on Christ, the cornerstone—  
The church of God—the only one?

The churches in the world extent  
That'er filled with pride and social cant,  
Are they in touch with holy love?  
Did they originate above?

Endeavors, leagues and secret clans,  
And many worldly sectish shams,  
Are now the order of the day,  
What people call the Bible way.

Dear Reader, get your Bible now,  
And make to God a faithful vow  
That all it says you will believe,  
And every word in love receive.

God has a fold, a holy bride,  
A body cleansed and sanctified,  
A church where all are free from sin,  
Where all are white and pure within.  
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## God's Church, A Visible Body

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Some people seem to think that the Church of God is an invisible church. Anything invisible is that which is not seen. Jesus said, to his disciples and followers, "Ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill cannot be hid." I do not read in the Bible of an invisible church and a visible Church, for there is but one and it is visible. "There is one body (the church) and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4: 4. The body of Christ is but one. See Eph. 2: 16,—Col. 3: 15,—1 Cor. 10: 17, 1 Cor. 12: 12-13,—Rom. 12: 4-5. And He (Jesus) is the head of the body the church. So the Body and

Church are the same. "And gave him to be the head over all things to the Church which is his Body." Eph. 1: 22-23. Now there is but one body, which is the Church; One Church. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Now we want to see how we become members of this one body of Christ. "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ." 1 Cor. 6: 15. And we become members by joining the Lord (verse 17) in a perpetual covenant. Jer. 50: 5. So our bodies are these particular members, not our spirit only, but our body and spirit which are Gods. (verse 20). In Eph. 5: 30 we read, "For we are members of his body (the Church) of his flesh, and of his bones." Now it would be impossible for your spirit to be his and not your bodies also his. So our bodies are visible and members of Christ and his body and our bodies are visible bodies; so this is why it is a visible church or body, our bodies are its members. "So as we have many members in one body and all its members have not the same office, so we being many, are one body and every one member one of another." Rom. 12: 4-5. Just like our bodies are the members of Christ, so are we members of each other, by you joining the Lord you become a member of His, and his body. When I join the Lord, I become a member of Him and his body. Just as much so, as if you join a man-organized church, you would become a member of that church. You would have to take your body to join that church, in like manner, we give our whole being to Christ and our bodies become his members. Thank God the whole being, spirit, soul and body belongs to this Church or Body, and is all preserved alike,—blameless.

In Romans 12: 1 says, "I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." God wants our bodies for his service; He could not do much with the spirit without the body. Some will say it is a spiritual church for 1 Cor. 12: 13 says, "By one spirit, are we all baptized into one body." So it is the Holy Ghost that places us all into that one body. It is the Holy Ghost that sanctifies us. Rom. 15: 16. Not our spirits only, but our whole being, spirit, soul and body. 1 Thess. 5: 23. And all are preserved (alike) blameless; and all are spiritual.

"What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you." 1 Cor. 6: 19. The Holy Ghost in our bodies makes us spiritual, therefore we are built up a spiritual house, lively stones, (solid material) an holy priesthood. 1 Pet. 2: 5. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you; if any man defile the temple of

God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3: 16-17. So our bodies, Christ's members, are holy members and they the the visible body of Christ or the Church.

It is true, some people get to building on invisible things, things they do not see or know and fail to see the simplicity of the Gospel or discern the body of Christ. This world would not be able to discern the workings of the Lord and his holy body, the Church, except their bodies, (physical body) His members, which are yielded to Him for his service and glory and praise in the earth. —C. S. Forbes.

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### Idols

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"Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." Psa. 115: 4-8.

The people of this world forsook God and worshiped idols, which could neither see, speak, hear, smell, handle, walk, taste, they could not do anything at all, they were powerless. Yet man, who had been created in the image of God, had fallen so far from his first estate, that he made idols of gold, silver, wood, stone and brass and fell down and worshiped them. We think this is terrible in our enlightened age, but many today are still praying, but their prayers don't rise higher than their heads, because they are living in sin, and God gives them a deaf ear, although He is the true and living God of heaven.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head; so that they are without excuse. Because that when they know God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but because they were vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own

hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever more. Amen." Rom. 1: 18-25.

And God their Creator looked on and saw the heathen bow down before their idols and serve them, and they glorified God, not as God, neither were they thankful to him for all his goodness and his blessings to them.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whispers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, unmerciful. Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. 1: 28-32.

So because of their sins they were turned away to worship blind, deaf, dumb images and the word says, "They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." Psa. 115: 8. No wonder God's jealousy smoked. Listen to this in Deut. 29: 18-20. "Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; and it came to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven. And the Lord shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law." And if you read to end of the chapter you will see how God cursed the country because of idolatry. No wonder God's jealousy smoked, seeing his creatures worshipping such images, instead of himself.

And the Greeks were so fearful lest they had failed in worshipping every god there was, so they made an altar to the unknown God. And he surely was an unknown God to them at that time. They knew him not, and did not know how to glorify him by a sinless

life. Paul says, "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions. I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God. When therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with man's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. And hath made of our blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us." Acts 17: 23-27.

Now the holy scriptures are given unto us to bring us to Christ, who is able to save us. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7: 25.

This was Christ's mission while he was in the world, to bring us back to God. And if we find Christ, we are not praying to one who can't hear, see, or feel. For our Saviour is not dead, dumb nor blind, but ever liveth to make intercession at the throne of grace for us. But if we persist to live on in our sin, then he will be just as deaf, dumb and blind as the idols that the heathen pray to. We must repent of all our sins, and turn from them, to worship God in holiness, if we want God to hear our cry or prayer. All worship is in vain, if the supplicants still remain in sin. Think of one suffering the terrible death of our Lord and Saviour; and then think of the millions who are, and have lived on in their sins and thinking that they have lived for God. Living on in their sins, all going the path of the wicked, and serving the devil, when Christ has purchased salvation for all who really want to be delivered from death and hell.

Christ has paid for our freedom, and it is ours for the asking. If we seek Him with all our heart and serve Him in holiness, and in godly fear. How terrible the condition of this world must look to God, who has done all that he can do to redeem fallen mankind to virtue and righteousness, and to once more dwell in his presence. Even the Jews, his chosen people, refused to hear Him, when he came unto them. And the people now are going on laughing, singing, praying, and sinning and never obeying the commandments of Christ,—the life giver. Where will they end, if they never find Jesus while in this life here below? The terrible sequel to this story will be that they will cry and plead and lament, when there is no ear to hear, no

eye to pity, no voice to answer them when they pray to their deaf, dumb, sightless idols.

Yes, and this world is full of idols today, for if we love anything more than we love Christ, that is an idol unto us. And Jesus said, if we loved other things more than we loved him, we were not worthy of him. And if we do love other things or people more, we certainly are not worthy of him, nor of his love. So if we want God to see and hear, and speak to us, then let us seek him with all our heart, as he has commanded us to do. And worship him in the beauty of holiness, godliness and a sinless life. Then we will be kept as the apple of his eye.

"Show thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee, from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings." Psa. 17: 7-8.

—I. Edith Kriebel.

Sister Monroe, a missionary in China, copied the following story from another missionary's Bible: "The scene was in an old fashioned district schoolhouse and the teacher called on the first pupil to bound the plan of salvation. He replied: 'The plan of salvation is bounded on the north by Mr. Jones, on the east by the schoolhouse, south by the post-office, and west by the blacksmith shop.' The teacher said: 'Salvation is most necessary for the home, but it will not do to keep it there.' The next pupil said the plan of salvation was bounded on the north by the bluff, east by the river, west by the reservation, south by the railroad track. The teacher said: 'Salvation is good for the town, but you must not keep it there.' The third was sure he had the correct answer and eagerly began. 'The plan of salvation is bounded on the north by Canada, east by the Atlantic, south by Mexico and the Gulf of Mexico, west by the Pacific Ocean.' The teacher again replied: 'Salvation is the best thing for the United States, but you cannot keep it there.' She then asked the last pupil, the smallest in the class, if he could bound the plan of salvation, and he alone of all gave the correct answer. He said it was bounded on the north by the throne of God, on the south by the bottomless pit, and on the east and west by the uttermost parts of the earth." —Sel.

"There is a profound difference between simply witnessing and soul-winning. We are to witness to all, but for individual soul-winning our ears are to be acutely attent to the Spirit's command, 'Join thyself to this chariot' . . . The wise worker finds out where God is working and works there." —Sel.

Sin is conceived in the heart, uttered by the lips, and expressed in the life. It is through action that desires of the heart are built into character. —Sel.



## Pray For Us

“Finally, brethren pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified even as it is with you.” 2 Thess. 3: 1.

I am persuaded that more things are accomplished in this world by prayer than many people dream of. Prayer is an effectual instrument in the hands of every saved individual, for the Word of the Lord teaches us that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much; also as one of old has said, “Prayer is the sinners contrite voice in turning from his ways.” I know and am sure that all of you who are now saved know what it is to pray, because if you have never prayed the fact remains that you are not saved, but are yet in your sins. Now, I just want to stir up your minds, and help you to remember that it takes prayer to accomplish things in a spiritual way in these days, just as much as it did in days gone by.

It is just as necessary to pray to keep saved as it was to pray to get saved, for “prayer is the Christians vital breath.” Daniel looked toward Jerusalem and prayed three times a day. God heard his prayers and stood by him to deliver him in the time of trouble, for he said to the king, God has sent his angel and locked the lions mouth; praise God. It is true all men stand in need of prayer. Now let us have a scriptural exhortation and see if this is not so. “I exhort therefore that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men: for kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” 1 Tim. 2: 1, 2. Again the saints are told to “pray one for another that ye may be healed.” We could go on quoting scripture after scripture exhorting and instructing us to “watch, continue instant in prayer” and so on, but we want to call your special attention at this time to the passage first quoted in this article, and also to remind you that the ministry of today needs the prayers of the church as much as they did in the morning time. Some seem to think that it matters little whether they pray earnestly for the ministers or not, but this request was made by one of God’s apostles. “Finally brethren pray for us.” Now what was the burden of this request? It was this, “that the word of the Lord have free course.” Do you want to see more conviction accompany the preaching of the Word? Do you want to receive more soul food from the message? Do you want to see more of the power of God manifested through his servants, the prophets? Then let the Church unite in earnest prayer for them, and these things shall be done. “Peter

therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.” Acts 12: 5. The result was that Peter was miraculously delivered. Let the saints become burdened for the preachers with a definite aim that God would make his Word more powerful, more weighty, more purifying, more instructive, and that it be accompanied with the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, and God will undertake for us. Brethren, we are praying and we need your prayers. Not just a hint now and then that God will bless his word, but that you may continually send up a full, hearty, soul burdened prayer to God for us on this very line. “Finally, brethren pray for us.” —Ulysses Phillips.

## The School of Sorrow

I sat in the school of sorrow,  
The Master was teaching there,  
But my eyes were dim with weeping  
And my heart was filled with care.

Instead of looking upward  
And seeing His face divine,  
So full of tender pity  
For weary hearts like mine,

I only thought of the burden,  
The cross that before me lay,  
So hard and heavy to carry  
That it darkened the light of day.

At last in my heavy sorrow  
I turned to look above,  
And I saw the Master watching  
With a glance of tender love.

He turned to the cross before me  
And I thought I heard Him say,  
“My child, thou must bear thy burden,  
And learn thy task today.

“I may not tell thee the reason,  
'Tis enough for thee to know  
That I, the Master, am teaching  
And give this cup of woe.”

So I stooped to that weary sorrow;  
One look at His face divine  
Had given me power to trust Him  
And say, “Thy will, not mine.”

And so I learned my lesson,  
Taught by the Master alone;  
He only knows the tears I shed,  
For He has shed His own.

But from them comes a brightness  
As from the Eternal Day  
Where the school of life shall be ended  
And all tears be wiped away.

—Sel.