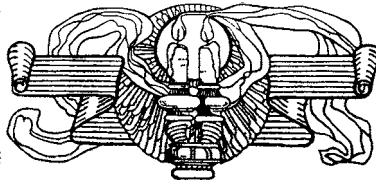


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*God is  
Love.*



*Jesus  
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## UNIFICATION

The Lord of life from glory came,  
To make our minds and hearts the same;  
His gospel, law and government  
Unto His children He has sent,

No more the Gentile and the Jew,  
But one new man made of the two;  
The lines of strife no more to lay,  
But walk in love from day to day.

The law of love He did command,  
That by it we should understand,  
And by it all His children know,  
For out of it no strife can grow.

Alas, where is this law today,  
From which the Church has gone astray?  
The law of Christ they have denied,  
By human laws they are supplied.

Will Christians close their eyes and ears  
Against the light that now appears,  
Yet still to bow to human laws,  
Which God will burn like useless straws?

O, brethren, for the sake of Christ,  
Leave off these laws that gender strife,  
Be by His Spirit ever lead,  
He is the Church's only Head.

## Bible Unity

Oh, praise God for Bible unity. I thank God from the depth of my soul for Bible unity, and one may ask, what is Bible unity. It is a close walk with God, living where God will hear and answer our prayers, living where the Holy Spirit will pray our prayers unto God through us. Living where God will talk with us, and make the path of duty plain.

What higher position upon earth can we reach than to have the King of kings talk with us, and take notice of us? What higher office can we have than to seek the wonderful counsellor for advice, for leading, for guidance, for help when in need, and for healing when sick?

What a wonderful privilege we have to go to the 'wonderful counsellor' at all times, especially the first thing in the early morning hour when all is still and quiet and not a thing to disturb our earnest communion with our God. What a privilege to take all things unto God in prayer, and get His leading and His instruction, and His blessings poured out upon our soul. Now this to my mind is unity with God.

There is a unity also with man. We read in the 133 Psalm, 1st verse, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." For brethren to have unity of the Godly sort, they all must have the heavenly unity, each one must be in the Holy Spirit for them to have God's unity. Those who have unity with the wicked can never fit into God's unity; each one must be pure, clean, righteous in God's sight, washed in the blood of the Lamb of God, and keep themselves pure for Christ's sake. A unity that is a union with sinners will never take the place of a unity with God. If we love a unity with sinners rather than a unity with God, we will go the way with the wicked, for God's Holy Spirit is a rebuke against all worldliness, all disobedience, all selfishness, and everything that is unholy or unlike God. We must live up to the holy Word of God. Unity between the saint and the sinner is soon cut off when the saint uses the Sword of the Spirit, and his soul burns in him with reproof and the fire of the Holy Spirit burns and smokes against all ungodliness, selfishness, and wickedness; the Holy Spirit makes the one stronger in grace who wields the sword of the Spirit.

I would to God that precious souls would wake up and see that God intends for each one of us to

have unity with himself rather than with the rebellious, the disobedient, and the sectish.

Oh! the surprise there will be when many professed saints stand before the Great King of kings and find out that they loved unity and fellowship that led to death and hell, rather than the unity and fellowship with God, even though we may have to stand alone. Unity in the Holy Spirit, unity with Jesus Christ the Righteous, our wonderful counsellor, is Heavenly indeed. Oh! my precious souls find out for themselves what their fellowship is leading them to.

To have fellowship with God we must live close enough to Him, to have his approval upon us at all times. We must have Jesus' Holy Spirit abiding in our soul. Is this too strong? I know that it is not, for it takes just this holy life for us to have God's unity abiding within us.

If we ever get earnest about any thing in this life it should be to get acquainted with our God, and live for Him, and have him live in our souls. If we don't He will say, "depart from me I never knew you."

Crucify self and let Jesus in as King of kings and let Him reign forever. How many will do this and have God's unity within his soul? The Holy Three abides within, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, then our spirit will be related to Christ, when we do the things that He commands us to do. This is the unity that will take us home to heaven, and make us at home there. . .

Now we will look up Eph. 4: 3 and see how it reads, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." After we have been redeemed from sin by the precious blood of Christ, then we are to do all in our power to keep ourselves in this blessed holy unity with God and with His redeemed. But the one who departs from the Lord and indulges in sin, he breaks this holy unity, and he is the sufferer for his misdeeds, or should they all depart from God and drift into worldliness, they would all be void of God's holy unity. They might keep up a formal worship, a formal unity with each other, but the blessed heavenly unity would not remain in the heart of the sinner no more than love and hatred can dwell in the same heart toward the same person. Surely God is a jealous God. His name, He says, is jealous.

Now we will look up Eph. 4: 13 on this subject, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man.

unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." We must become rooted in Christ, and His Spirit enthroned within each heart that loves God's unity, and those that have this experience compose His glorious church, and it is without spot and blameless, because Jesus lives in their souls; they are alive in Him and have his holiness and His unity in them.

We will read Eph. 5: 25 -27, "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that He might present it to himself a glorious church; not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." So all that have God's holy unity are holy and fear God, and obey Him from the heart.

What is any other unity worth to a child of God? May God help all who love His appearing to live holy, unblameable before Him all the days of their lives, and have heaven-born unity dwelling in their hearts. Disobedience, selfishness, ungodliness must all take their departure, and the angel of peace and the power of God's Holy Spirit take their place in the soul of the one who has unity with God.

—Edith Kriebel.

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## The Two Laws

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"Know ye not brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law of her husband, so long as he (the husband) liveth; but if the husband be dead, she (the woman) is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall (positively) be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, (that being so) my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law (Moses' law) by the body of Christ; that ye should (present or past duty) be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should (present or past duty) bring forth fruit unto God."

Now dear reader, let me ask you a question right here. Did you ever see a woman trying to live with a husband who had died, trying to live with a lifeless form which cannot be any protection to her.

cannot be of any help to her, which cannot support her, which cannot be in council with her about anything? Now here is a question of important consideration. All reason and good sound judgment would cause that woman to go bury that dead husband. Why? Because he is of no profit to her because he is dead. Neither can she be of any profit to him though being alive, but to have a husband of profit, she should seek another that is alive who can be of comfort and consolation to her. You, no doubt, will say that is a wise act. Dear reader, you may be trying to be under the dominion of the law of Moses which is as dead as that dead husband just mentioned, if so, bury the dead husband (law) and be married to another, even to Him (Christ) who is raised from the dead that we (you) should bring forth fruit unto God. Now we became dead to the law by the body of Christ, (Rom. 7: 4) for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death, (Rom. 8: 2) Paul said, for I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. (Gal. 2: 19) But if ye be led of the Spirit (of Christ) ye are not under the law (the dead husband). Gal. 5: 18. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. St. John 1: 17, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10: 4. Christ nailed it to his cross. Col. 2: 14. He abolished the law of commandments. Eph. 2: 15. He blotted out the law. Col. 2: 14. What law? The law of commandments, hand-writings of ordinances. Eph. 2: 15. He took it out of the way. Col. 2: 14.

There are a bunch of sects that, even though it is dead and nailed to the cross, will try, so to speak, to pull the nails out of the dead law, yea try to dig up out of the grave the dead husband (law). Yes, they try to resurrect the poor old schoolmaster. Why was the law of commandments nailed to the cross, and why was it taken out of the way? First, because it was weak. Rom. 8: 3. Second, it was faulty. Heb. 8: 7. Third, because it was a dead law. Rom. 7: 1- 4. Paul asked those brethren at Galatia: "How turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements where unto ye desire again to be in bondage?" Gal. 4:9, and in the eleventh verse Paul tells them, I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain. There was more than that which they desired, they even observed days (Sabbaths) months, times and years verse ten. Now dear reader here is another reason for the Sabbath Law, or in other words the law of commandments to

be taken out of the way. "It could not make the comers thereunto perfect." Heb. 10:1 "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God." Heb. 7:19 and in eighteenth verse "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going, before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof." It is a very strange thing for people to hang on some unprofitable thing. Now does it look reasonable for a young man or a young lady who has gone to a seventh grade teacher that could not teach any farther, to just keep going to this seventh grade teacher, when they could go to one who could teach the grades above the seventh and then they could obtain a diploma by leaving the seventh grade teacher and receive the full benefit? Sure it does not. Now, note carefully the seventh grade teacher's illustration. The law was a school master according to Gal. 3:24. What is a school master? (Ans.) A teacher. Then this schoolmaster was to bring us to Christ then from there on Christ was sufficient to bring us to the highest point of perfection, something this teacher (law) could not do. Why? Because it was as high as he (the law) could go. Praise God, how plain it seems to be, yet people are so silly as to drag around a "ter the old seventh grade teacher (law) the dead husband. (law) Jesus said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John." Matt. 11: 12, 13. The law (Moses law) and the prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingdom of God (not Moses law) is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16. Now, Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters, (the law of bondage and the law of liberty) for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to one (Moses law) and despise the other." (Christ's law) Luke 16:13 "I thank God through Jesus Christ (not through Moses law) our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; (A living law) but with the flesh the law of sin." (the dead law) Rom. 7:25.

— C. M. Hicks.

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"For God SO loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

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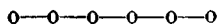
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### EDITORIALS

Time is moving on with a solemn tread, soon this generation will pass and what we do for God and souls must be done while life is in this body, time will not wait, opportunities present themselves to us from day to day to manifest Christ in word and deed; if we fail in this we are failing to give glory and honor to our creator. The record of all our deeds are being kept in heaven, set down in the book of life. The Divine love of God in the soul is what moves men to do the works, pleasure and will of God. Christ Jesus is the manifestation of God's love to us, and because of this great love manifested toward us, (Who were without hope in the world) our hearts were broken up and we became very penitent and we loved the Lord greatly for such merciful love to us, who were so unworthy. As the Lord kept manifesting His love and tender mercy, our confidence and love for Him and His ways were greatly increased and we presented our bodies as a living sacrifice, which, after all was only our reasonable service; now, we seek to add honor and glory to our Lord in all of our words, actions and deeds.



Christ Jesus made a complete sacrifice, which fully atoned for our sins and our union with God is complete through Jesus Christ.

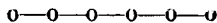
When the angels announced the birth of Jesus on that memorable night to the shepherds on the hills of Judea, they spoke words that have a vast and deep meaning, yet to those who may not give these words much thought, they may mean but very little.

In the schools of sciences and scientific researches they do what they call, dissecting. This is for the purpose of examining the structure or use of its several parts. In reading God's word it is good and very profitable to do so with prayer, reading slowly and looking carefully at each part or expressed thought, giving time for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to your soul.

The first angel that appeared to the shepherds said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." We notice in this that the tidings were good, the Joy would be great and it was for all people.

In the next verse we find the reason for the good tidings. A babe had been born in the city of David, the tidings would be of great joy because He was a Saviour, the tidings and great joy would be to all people because this babe was Christ the Lord. When the multitude of the heavenly host appeared with this angel and began to praise God, they said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This host of heavenly beings declared as much as the first angel and very much more. The first thought expressed by them was, "Glory to God in the highest." It surely was a glory to God to have Himself manifested on earth by his Son, and He surely brought peace and was a peaceful being. He truly had and manifested a good will toward men. The angels saw and declared greater and deeper truth than this. No doubt they saw and beheld the future life and works of the Son of God. They saw Him give glory to God when He overcame Satan in the wilderness, and the glory that the Father received when the lame were made to walk, the lepers were cleansed, the blind were made to see, the deaf ears were unstopped, evil spirits were cast out and the dead were raised to life. They no doubt saw the cross, the willing, suffering, obedient sacrifice, and the great glory that God received when He resurrected the Son of God to life, putting His enemies and persecutors to an open shame, then His ascension and the glory to God that followed when the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, was poured out upon men and they began to speak with boldness and magnify God, insomuch that the learned and wise men of earth took note that they had been with Jesus. The angels saw more than just the peace that he brought with Him, but they beheld the peace that He, the Son of God, imparted to others as He forgave them of their sins, binding evil spirits and casting them out of men, causing souls to rejoice. They saw Him rebuking the proud and the haughty and covetous ones, but consoling, comforting and giving rest and peace to the heavy laden. They saw the Son of God bleeding and dying upon the cross, and thereby the fountain was opened up from the house of David for all uncleanness and sin, saw the many, many people that believed in the sacrifice and were cleansed and made clean, receiving the "Prom-

ice of the Father" which was not meat and drink; But peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. They saw the good will that Christ manifested toward all men and the good will that all believers had toward one another and to all people. It is no wonder they praised God mightily that night and shouted the victory loudly, they saw great and mighty things soon to take place because of this babe that was born in Bethlehem. The more we behold God and His mighty works, the greater joy and victory we have in our souls.



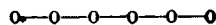
During the assembly meeting this winter there was a question arose in which a number of the ministers were interested and several remarks were made by different ones present, one minister exclaimed, "I wouldn't believe the devil if he would tell the truth." At first thought it seemed to be a foolish remark; but as we meditate upon it and the Holy Spirit begins to enlighten our understanding concerning the statement we find that there is some very deep truth hidden in those words.

It is possible for one to speak words of truth and yet there would be a lie in his mouth because of the spirit, motive and design accompanying them. We have an example of this when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan. Satan said to Jesus, "For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." The words he spoke were true and in harmony with scripture; but the purpose and design of Satan was to get Jesus to obey him and do evil in tempting God; so these words of truth was a lie in his mouth. Read Luke 4: 10,11,12.

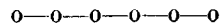
We find in first Kings where God sent lying spirits into the prophets so that they devined lies and some got into great trouble by believing them, and time and again the prophets of God later on spoke of certain prophets that had prophesied falsely to the people and caused them to trust in lies.

We find in first Kings, seventeenth chapter where Elijah brought the widows son back to life and she exclaimed, "Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth." So, by this we understand that the words of the Lord which we quote may be the truth in our mouth or they may be a lie in our mouth, it all depends upon the purpose, motive and design we have in uttering them. It is sad to see the many false teachers and preachers in the land to-day that are quoting the scripture and using them extensively, wresting them from their true meaning, deceiving souls, causing them to believe lies and trust in false-hoods. Paul was much grieved with some of them in his day and waxed bold against them, saying, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall

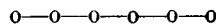
be according to their works." 2 Cor. 11: 14, 15.



Some of our leading tracts which God has been using greatly to the good of souls are out of stock, and orders cannot be filled until we are able to print a new supply. Other tracts such as "Forty-eight Hours in Hell, How to Get Saved, and Repent and Believe the Gospel" are nearly out. We really need a half ton of paper to properly re-stock them. We are anxious to re-stock these tracts as we very much regret to turn down any order that comes in for tracts; they are carrying light and truth to many many souls. Orders come in daily for tracts. Please get these things upon your heart before God and keep in mind that we are just one member in the body.



The Lord in His gracious love and mercy has been dealing kindly with us, and has sent us more office help for the last few weeks. One of the young sisters in the congregation, May Belle Miles, has been helping in the office work. She is learning to operate the Linotype and also does other needed work about the office, making a real good help. She will not likely be with us long as Bro. and Sister Miles are soon to move over near Homestead, Okla. which is near eighty miles northwest and it seems they will need her at home. We are sure our readers are praying for us as we can see the hand of the Lord opening up ways and making ways so that the work can keep going on and the truth of His word be sent out. There is no god like our God, and though there be god's many, we know not but one and He is God Almighty who created the heavens and the earth, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



We have been printing and sending out the Faith and Victory for a number of years and a good many of our very first subscribers are still on our lists and relish and enjoy the truth, having great assurance in their souls of a life with God beyond this vale of tears. There has been a few that seem to have graduated; but most all are yet just children of the Lord as we are and are not expecting to get past being teachable while they remain in these mortal bodies.

When God saved us He brought peace in our souls, and a good will toward all people. That peace and good will still remains there and we are glad it does, we know that our union with God and with all saved souls is complete through faith in the completed work of Christ. There is another thing we know and that is, all souls that are truly saved, are born of the Spirit and retain the spirit have peace in their souls and a good will toward us. There is one thing which we have decided deep down in our souls and by the grace of God it shall be so and that is, to manifest the warm love of God wherever and whenever opportunity presents its

self, not to gratify the lusts or covetness of carnal folks; but always as it would glorify God or incur His smiles or approval upon us or others.

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Part of the January paper we pasted together and part of it we sent out loose leafed. We broke our stitching machine and had to send to New York state for repairs, the repairs cost us over eighteen dollars we have them on the machine now and have it in use again. It also seems necessary to send and get some new mats and other parts for the Linotype Machine. There is many things in the office to look after and different phrases of the work to keep up and we find great need of the sustaining grace of God. We are glad to be in His service and shall do the very best we can to keep the tracts and papers going out to all that call for them. May God bless and comfort each and every reader and keep you in that lowly humble way that Jesus trod is my prayer.

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### Prayer Request

Bro. W. I. Miles requests that the saints everywhere pray for his mother. He wants them to be earnestly agreed at eleven o'clock on the first Sunday in March for his mother's healing. She lives at Corsicana, Texas and is nearly blind and also has weakness of limbs inasmuch that she falls at times.

Sister B. Deane of Derby, Colo. desires the saints to be in earnest prayer for the saving and healing of her brother. She writes in part as follows: "Pray earnestly for my unsaved brother who is sick with an incurable disease and only a few years left to live unless God undertakes. He is living in sin and says, no one but a crazy person believes in religion and only fools would depend on divine healing. He is an ex-soldier and very hard and bitter. He is gone from home now and will not write. I am so burdened for him that I can scarcely eat or sleep, and it seems I will die unless he is saved."

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### Heaven or Hell Which?

That there is a heaven, a place of great bliss and comfort prepared for the redeemed of earth, grace made holy ones, is beyond question as the Bible is full of instructions as to the way of entering in to this eternal resting place, and of its grandure and beauty and holy invariment with exceeding great and eternal joy everlasting.

That there is a Hell, a place of burning torment with great weeping and wailing eternally for all selfish, carnal Christ rejecters and holiness fighters are also plainly taught in the sacred Word of God.

The truth taught concerning the end of wicked men and unbelievers is just as plain a truth as that of heaven for the believers in Christ. Knowing this to be a fact and also knowing that God has power to do that which He has promised, all people ought to seek His righteousness and live for Him in this world so that their end will be blessed. The Psalmist David said, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." Psalms 37: 37. And in Psalms 9:17 he says, "For the wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all nations that forget God."

There are two great powers working in the world to-day, the greater power is the power of God and the lesser power is the power of Satan. The power of God is working to save souls from hell, torment and ever-lasting destruction by pointing them to the Son of God who is the Way, the Truth and the life, promising them a home in heaven, with joy and comfort forevermore. The power of Satan is working to keep people from believing in the Son of God, and walking in His ways and is promising them gratifications, fleshly ease with honor among men in this world and he keeps a doubt in their minds about the truth of God's word, making them think that the end will come out alright. Many he lets profess to be Christians and in this way keeps them easy in their selfish, carnal, worldly-minded ways. Those who are believing Satan's lies and are walking according to the course of this world are doomed for destruction and everlasting punishment with banishment from God eternally.

Those who resist the devil and believe the truth of God's word concerning the atonement made by Christ our Lord and walk in the Spirit are on the road that leads to heaven where all the pure and holy dwell.

In the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth verses of the fifth chapter of St. John, we have unquestionable proof by the Lord Jesus Christ of the two places where souls will dwell after the resurrection morn. Some will be resurrected to life and others resurrected to damnation. Those that have done good will be resurrected to life and those that have done evil will be resurrected to damnation.

Jesus teaches us to fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matt. 10: 28, Luke 12: 5). In the sixteenth chapter of Luke we have the truth concerning a man that lived carnally and selfishly and after death he lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torment and begging for water to cool his tongue and there was no hope of him ever getting out of that place. This is a sad ending you say. "How could God be righteous and do this?" I say, "How could God be righteous and do otherwise?" Has He not done everything possible for our salvation, even to the permitting of His only Son to be badly mangled and crucified, and yet men trample upon His mercy and ignore Him and His ways? Has He not warned us repeatedly of what will come to us if we reject Christ and the truth of His Word? Has He not promised life to the good and obedient, and death, hell and torment to the evil and unbeliever? Could He be righteous and fail to reward the wicked and the good according as He has promised in His word?

Man have an opportunity in this life of turning from sin and being saved from torment through the merits of Jesus, but if they rebel and turn down God's holy word, they are only sending their own soul to hell and to torment as God's word is immutable and cannot be broken.

Jesus says, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12. 48. So we see by failing to receive and do the words of the Lord, we are already judged and condemned; we can get no relief until we repent, confess, and forsake our sin of omitting to do His words.

David says, "To fear God is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding." This is truly so, when men begin to depart from evil,

it shows a fear of God upon the soul and shows that they understand the consequences which are sure to follow if they continue to indulge in sin.

Satan has agents in the world today that are trying to do away with future torment, hellfire and brimstone. Many do not want to hear anything about that place of torment, and if a sermon was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit on hell, the lake of fire and brimstone to some congregations, they would consider it a grave insult to their dignity and pioussness, and would have a condition of heart to tar and feather the offender. If Satan could get souls to ignore and resist any thought of future punishment for self-righteousness and the evil and sin of omitting to do the words of the Lord, he can then keep them sleeping night on in their carnal security while in this world, and then have them wake up in hell and in torment where the worm dieth not and the fire is never quenched.

Hellfire, brimstone and torment ought to be preached and kept before the minds of the people just as much so as the glory world with all of its splendor, beauty, comforts, and joy included.

Some one may say that we do not serve God through fear of being cast in a burning lake. In a sense this is true and in another sense it is not true, for if we are conscious of God's immutable word and the consequences to follow, we will then be able to know which one to love and serve, whether Satan through the lusts of the flesh or Christ in the Spirit. There is many a woman if she could have known the future life of misery with the man she married, she would never have given him her love; she would have withheld her love for the man that really loved her. So it is with many souls, if they can only know the misery that is to follow in loving and giving themselves to the world and fleshly lusts, in other words Satanic powers, they would never give their love to Satan, but would withhold their love until they found Christ who really loves them, and then they could lavish their love upon Him and rejoice in His faithfulness and trueness and have the assurance that it would be far better when wafted into glory at the end of this life.

Yes, dear souls there is truly a heaven to gain, a great recompense of reward is awaiting the faithful ones in Christ; so, also there is a hell to shun, a place that was prepared for the devil and his followers, for the spirit of Satan is now working in the children of disobedience to land them into an awful place of torment and misery which will have no end-

ing nor way of escape.

Jesus Christ is the only doorway that leads into heaven, so let us choose to love Him in this life and have the assurance of heaven and all the joys and comforts that follow. —Fred Pruitt.

## Is Insurance Right or Is It Not?

*(Continued from last Issue)*

We are also all of one family. We should have the same care, one for another. 1 Cor. 12: 25, 26. Also in 1 John 3: 17-18, we read, "But whosoever has this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

When people begin to lose their spiritual vision, the devil always has an imitation which he makes look very good. Keep up close to God so you will be able to try the spirits. Insurance may be all right for sinners but not for saints. For example, I knew of a man who had paid on insurance for years. He was living out in the country when the premium on his policy became due, and he did not get to pay up on just the date it was due. Awhile later on his way to town to pay his horse fell with him and broke his neck. Although he had been paying for years on insurance, yet his family received nothing, not even burial expenses. We have in mind another person who likewise has paid on a policy for years. This man is now old and afflicted, without the hope of any aid from insurance, as just of late the insurance company has found a flaw in the policy and count it valueless. Do you think if we have used our means in God's cause, caring for those who are needy that God will refuse or neglect our own family when we are gone? "Have faith in God."

God has taken care of his children for years. Has He lost any of his power? God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Speaking of insurance, it has not been many years that a poor person could afford to carry insurance. What happened to the people in those days before insurance could be secured by them? Did they die paupers and the county bury them? Was the Church reproached? Did you ever stop to think how much you would pay in on insurance if you would pay \$15.00 a year for fifteen years, saying nothing of interest? This would make a total of \$225.00, then you are not so sure of any help in death. There is a larger percent who

drop their insurance after paying on it for a short time than those who hold it to the end. By this means it has been a great help in strengthening insurance companies, causing them to expand and grow so large in the earth. I spoke of paying \$15.00 a year for fifteen years, making a total of \$225.00. Just suppose that there are fifty in a congregation who could lay aside \$15.00 a year each for the cause of taking care of our widows and orphans, or other needy causes in the Church. This would amount to \$750.00 in one year, saying nothing of interest, or \$11,250.00 in fifteen years. What will we do? Shall we keep God's money in God's work and use it to His glory or put it out to insurance companies?

David once said I have been young but now I am old, I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. Psa. 37: 25 We are told in God's Word that He gave thought of the sparrows that fall. Are we not worth more than many sparrows? When we are in need of help financially will God forsake us? The Word tells us if ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. John 14: 17.

Oh children of God, let us be stirred in our souls, trust God with an abundance of faith and lots of love. If this we have we will have no time for insurance. Read Jude 16: 19. There will come some among us, preaching the wrong doctrine, speaking great swelling words that would deceive God's little ones who are not established in the doctrine of Jesus. God tells us in his Word to watch and to pray that we enter not into temptation. Insurance will surely be a temptation to many if we do not live close to God.

Some may say, well, I see no harm in carrying insurance, as the Bible is not plain against it. I will let my conscience be my guide. First, let us consider this thing. Whom did insurance first benefit, the poor or the rich? It was too expensive for the poor, so naturally those who had means reaped the benefit. Insurance in time will create covetousness, selfishness and other spirits which will bring many sad days. Let us trust God and be faithful as our brothers and sisters who died in the faith and have gone on to reap their reward. Let us study the 11th chapter of Hebrews, trust God to the fullest extent and pray that God give us a greater knowledge of this wonderful salvation, for what we need, as I have said before, is an abundance of faith and lots of love. Let's live close to God and pray for each other. May God bless these few remarks to our good and His glory.

—Clarence L. Miles.



## LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

### Following Him

I'm going to that city  
Where Jesus is the light,  
No darkness ever enters  
And never comes the night.

It is a land of beauty,  
'Twas built for you and me,  
If we will yield to Jesus  
And faithful servants be.

No sin stained garments enter  
And all are dressed in white,  
Are fully saved in Jesus  
And walking in the light.

The Bible is our way mark,  
God's Spirit is our guide;  
He ever will be with us  
If we keep near His side.

So let us all be faithful  
And follow at His call—  
Be ready when He whispers—  
And we shall never fall.  
—Susie Whipple

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Lockhart, Fla. —Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ: I would be glad if you would send me six Faith and Victories every month, so that I may help you spread the gospel.

I am only fourteen years of age. I have been praying that the Lord would pour out His blessings upon you. I have enjoyed your tracts very much, and am passing them along to others and praying that they may get some good out of them.

Your Sister in Christ, —Dallie Mae Bryant.

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Loranger, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' precious name: This leaves me saved for which I give the Lord the praise. I made my peace with the Lord during the Christmas meeting. Praise the Lord.

I am a little girl eleven years old. Please pray much for me that I keep saved. Please send me a few tracts to give to my friends and to read.

With love —May Averette.

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Winslow, Ark. —Faith Pub. House: Sis. Pruitt, I enjoy reading the Faith and Victory paper and those tracts. The Lord wonderfully saved me April 13, 1926. I have been saved four years this coming

Sunday before Easter. I am only sixteen years of age. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me and healed my body when I was sick and called upon Him. I find that He is a wonderful Lord.

I go to Sunday School and church. I love to read and study His Word. I obeyed His Word when I came and gave my heart to Him. He put a determination in my heart to go all the way with Him, although we have trials and temptations in this sinful world below, yet He is able to bear them all for us. Pray for me that I may hold out faithful to the end and do His blessed will at all times.

Your Brother in Christ, —John Wier.

### A Letter From Robert Longley

Kunnamkulam, India. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: I am very thankful to the Lord for granting me this another privilege of sending all of you my heartest greetings in the name of our dear Savior, praising him for his tender and watchful care, guidance and protection all along the way from Fiji.

I hope that all of you are well and that the Lord is blessing you abundantly in the work there and that his gracious hand is providing all necessary spiritual and temporal needs, that the good news of a crucified Savior, and risen Lord may find its way to many darkened hearts. These are surely the times when the great majority are lovers of many other thing rather than true lovers of God, and even many who have the name of Christian show very little fruit as to the love that should constrain us to bring the same good news into the hearts of others who are perishing in darkness and bondage of superstition. But we can rest assured that the Lord is perfectly aware of and thoroughly acquainted with the situation and condition, and those things that would puzzle us. We can in faith and blessed assurance commit unto him as the faithful Creator.

I arrived in Colombo, Ceylon on December 14th after 21 days from Sydney. The boat calling at the Australian ports for cargo, it took up quite a lot of time. The passage across the Indian Ocean from Fremantle to Colombo was very pleasant. Nearly every day was clear and fairly calm seas. It was Saturday when I arrived at Colombo, so I stayed there till Tuesday evening, then I left for India arriving here at Kunnamkulam where Bro. Cherian lives on Dec. 20th. I found him and his wife and family well and encouraged, though laboring under many circumstances that we would not encounter there. It has long been my desire to meet them face to face, and it

has been a joy to find them such a nice and devoted family. I feel right at home among them. They can all speak good English, though it is a little difficult to just explain things in English as they use the Malayalam language most all the time among the family. Having eaten Indian food in Fiji, I certainly enjoy the rice and carnie and other foods that they have and have no difficulty at all on these lines. Praise the Lord for His goodness. Bro. Cherian is a very careful and cautious man, and seems well governed in his judgments regarding the work of the Lord. I have greatly enjoyed his fellowship. They have related many experiences and very remarkable tests of faith and how God has proved and tested them, and also shown Himself strong in their behalf. Sister Cherian is a very devoted keeper of the home and a great help to Bro. Cherian, and their children are an outstanding proof of well-training. Their oldest son (Abraham) is 21 years of age, and he has taken me about to the different parts of the village and places where there are many new and strange heart-touching scenes of many real poor people and some of the out-caste or untouchables. Abraham is very desirous of helping his parents and the needs of the work and home, and does all he can in the limited way he has, and is keeping up studies also; the other two children at home are attending school.

We have had some meetings, both in their chapel and in the open air at the bazaars. Bro. Cherian interpreted into Malayalam when I spoke. Very fair crowds attended and listened well. Bro. Cherian says that if he just wanted a crowd or following he could easily have it by lowering the standard of the Bible teaching as to the daily and practical life, but he has determined by God's grace to have or do a clean work for the Lord. He has some good Malayalam literature and desires to get some more booklets printed. One man came to him yesterday wanting some of his tracts, "Christians and the Law," which are doing a good work among those who are confused and bothered by Seventh Day Adventist, etc. He has manuscript which he showed me for a booklet on "The Bible is True," and wishes to get it printed when possible. Printing is quite a lot cheaper here than there on account of cheaper labor and materials.

Their chapel is in a very good location, but is hardly completed yet, and it is Bro. Cherian's desire, if the Lord so wills, to add to the chapel, having a place for meeting in one part of it and to have the other part for a printing office. This equipment he says will cost some \$500. He is a good distributor of literature, and sees and realizes its far-reaching effect and that many souls will read to whom it would be almost impossible to reach and speak to personally. As far as I can discern, Bro. Cherian is certainly worthy of the prayers, fellowship and support of the saints, and the Lord willing, if He permits me to see you, I can explain better by word of mouth the circumstances and conditions under which he has to labor here. Just felt to mention these few things, Bro.

Pruitt, so you would have at least a better idea of the nature of the work here, and that agreement in prayer can be had more intelligently.

I expect to be going to Calcutta and perhaps to Dehra Dun to see Bro. Jarvis. I may go also to Darjiling, but will decide that when I reach Calcutta. My intention is to leave Colombo on Feb. 15th for Egypt, and expect to return here to Bro. Cherian's for a few days before I return to Colombo. Though this is the winter season here, it is somewhat hotter, or at least as hot as it is in Fiji, but it will no doubt be cold in the north part when I arrive there. I will hope to get a letter at Bro. Jarvis' place, and as this will not reach you for some time you may just write in care of Bro. Arsanious at Bani Seuf, Egypt, next.

Well, another Christmas time has come. There is not a great deal of difference here in Christmas and other days which, no doubt, is just as well, especially when we think of the great excess of luxuries and indulgences that our nations as a whole go in for, while the great mass of souls here are in darkness, and the laborers have many difficulties for the lack of means. However, tests and fiery trials are good, and it generally happens that when there is an abundance of material things, there is not so much soul-saving—too much time spent with the temporal things, whereas tests and trials call to more prayer and waiting upon the Lord in humbleness. His ways are best; praise His name.

Now I must bid you farewell for now, in prayers that God will richly bless you all throughout the coming New Year and minister grace for every need. Pray on for me. Your Bro. in the faith,

—Robert Longley.

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"Behold this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness."

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Guthrie, Okla. —May God bless and keep the Faith and Victory going out to all the world, searching and gleaning out all honest souls from every cage where they have been trapped, for there are a few honest souls that will heed the Master's call.

We need more consecrated workers for Jesus that will not fail to declare the whole truth of God, and stand up for the Bible way, and live the life as they go, proving to the world that there is a reality in this salvation.

Many will follow while every thing is going smooth, but when the waves roll high and the storm rages they shrink. Some can testify of God's healing until it comes to death's door, then they weaken and take some remedies. Dear ones, God wants His children to trust right on through. For twenty-two years we have not resorted to medical aid, and God has never failed us. We have experienced much sickness, diseases and accidents but the Lord de-

livered us out of them all. So we have faith in the Lord that we are serving and know that He can and will heal, and He does heal.

We are asking every saint every where to be earnestly agreed on the first Sunday in March at eleven o'clock for my mother's healing, Mrs. B. C. Miles of Corsicana, Texas. She is blind or nearly so; she has to be led around when in any strange place, also she has weakness of the limbs, and at times she falls. So let us each one join in this agreement for her healing and expect to get the victory. Be talking to the good Lord about this before the day comes, for I am expecting her eyes to open and her limbs to receive strength, also I believe it will be the means of several souls getting saved. Amen.

We are going to move to Homestead, Okla. the Lord willing. We are aiming to make a crop with Bro. A. J. Hiebert, also we want to be engaged in the Lord's vineyard as well, for our whole desire is to do God's will and to see souls saved. Pray for me and family. Your saved Brother all on the altar for service. —W. I. Miles.

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Oklahoma City, Okla. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May the great God of heaven make this New Year one of the grandest of all your life, and reward you for your faithfulness unto Him and better fit you for your work for the coming year. I feel under great obligations to my Lord for the wonderful things He has done for me. He has helped me to see my salvation complete in Him; He is my physician in every time of need.

In the 37th Psalm it says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart." Praise the Lord, "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart." Oh, I feel sure of it, for I never knew Him to lie. I have dedicated every fiber of my being to Him, so I have nothing left to fall back upon. By His grace I will press this battle on until He says enough. I do enjoy the presence of my Lord; He is so good to me. I am glad I found the one way that the Bible talks and tells us about; one faith, one Christ, one Father of us all. Yours, for a closer walk with the Lord daily. —Anna Chesterman.

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Athens, Tenn. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings in Jesus precious name.

I feel impressed to write my testimony this evening. I am praising the dear Lord for full and free salvation. He is my Savior, sanctifier and keeper. Praise His precious name. I am determined by God's grace and help to go all the way with Jesus and follow in His footsteps who did no sin neither was guile found in His mouth. I have been saved about four years and I am not tired of the way; it grows brighter and sweeter each day. I have many trials and temptations, but I just want them to be

the means of drawing me closer to God and cause me to be more and more established in this precious truth.

I enjoy reading Faith and Victory so much. It brings food to my soul. Oh dear ones, let us be up and doing while it is day, because the night will soon come when none can work. Surely it won't be long till Jesus will come to judge the world, so let us have our lamps trimmed and burning, and our vessels filled with oil that we might be ready to meet the bridegroom when He comes. May God ever bless and keep us humble where He can use us for His glory. Pray for me that I ever stand firm and true. Yours in His service, —Audrey Buttram.

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Folsom, La. —Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in Jesus' name. This morning finds me still saved with victory in my soul over all the power of the enemy and determined to press the battle to the gate. Praise His holy name. I am trusting Him for both soul and body, and for all I need in this life.

I will tell how wonderfully the Lord answered prayer on returning home from the Assembly meeting in Hammond, La. I gave to the ministry as the Lord impressed me which left me train fare home. As the bus was late I missed my train, and had to stay over night in Covington. My money was short, and I thought, what will I do. So I went to praying, and a sweet promise came to me in a Psalm of David. "I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I went to a rooming house of an aged widow on Gibson street. I told her that I had missed my train, my money was short, and I wanted a bed that night. She gave me a bed for half price which was about all I had in my purse except train fare home. She told me to come and take dinner. I said that would be all right if I could just get a bed that night. She said, but you won't get home till tomorrow. I told her I had went longer than that fasting and praying. So the dear Lord provided me a bed for half price and a free dinner and got home safely for which I give the dear Lord all the praise. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psa. 24: 1. We need not be afraid to give to God's cause and leave the results with Him who has promised four fold and eternal life at the end. Pray for me that I ever keep true and faithful. Your Sister at the feet of Jesus, —Grace Martin.

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Rogers, Ark. —Faith Pub. House: Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour and physician.

I'm so glad of this wonderful plan of salvation; God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. I do thank Him for the blood that cleanses us from all sin and heals our bodies. Praise His name forever.

I regret that I did not live closer to God in my youth, so that I could have enjoyed His rich bless-

ings that I have received in the past two years. I was converted about the age of fourteen, and by neglect of prayer and not being in service I soon drifted back in sin, and my condition then was almost like the case in Matt. 12: 43- 45. When the unclean spirit is gone out of man, he (the unclean spirit) walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out: and when he comes he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he (the unclean spirit) and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse than the first. I often felt the Spirit of God dealing but I would not heed and continued in sin until my health was gone and stricken down bedfast. I begin to realize my condition and to weigh myself to see where I would spend eternity. Oh why did I wait till I was so afflicted before I began to seek God? By so doing it cost me many months of suffering besides financial loss. I prayed often but seemed my prayer wouldn't reach God. Finally He heard my cry and sent sweet peace to my soul, and I felt relieved of some of the suffering, but couldn't fully trust God for my healing. I kept taking medicine, and when I found that medical aid could not reach my case I had just about lost hope of ever being well again. Then came some holiness people to pray for me against my will, as I thought if God intended for me to get well I would. When they prayed I felt some better and continued to get better. I quit all medicine and asked them to come back and pray for me again, and then He cleansed my heart with His precious blood and healed me instantly. Praise God forever. The Word doesn't tell us when we are sick to call a doctor and take medicine or to be operated upon, but to call the elders of the Church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick. I know Jesus can heal today as He did when on earth if we can believe. He says, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee." Let's get our portion of the blessings that God has in store for us.

If anyone wishes to know more of my experience, I will be glad to tell them.

A follower of Christ, —Mrs. D. M. Cowan.

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Hope, Ark. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family: Greetings in Jesus' precious name, the one who shed His precious blood that we might have everlasting life. Oh how we ought to love and serve such a Saviour. I can say with the Psalmist, bless the Lord, oh my soul, all that is within me bless His holy name. Truly He is good to me and supplies my every need and keeps me with a decision to live for Him. I am glad I ever found Him precious to my soul. He is my burden-bearer, my all in all. Bless His dear name. I'm so glad He goes with us wherever we go, being a present help in time of need.

I began to amend the night that Bro. Pruitt prayed for me. I felt so much better next morning, but wasn't feeling very strong when I started, coughing at times, but I wasn't down here only a few days till the cough stopped all at once; to God be all the praise.

I thought of the meeting and of the dear saints there, and my heart went up to God that all might be carried on to His glory. I am anxious to hear about the meeting.

I started down here just one year from the time that husband and I started, and I felt the loneliness but I only looked to our God who encourages and strengthens. Bless His dear name. I send my regards to all the saints at Guthrie, and of course I think of them everywhere with love.

Remember me in prayer that I may be all that God would have me to be and always be led by His Spirit.

As ever your Sister in Christ,  
—Eva Glasgow.

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Fallis, Okla. —Dear Sister Pruitt: I received your letter; glad to hear from you and to hear of the good meeting.

Dear mother passed away Dec. 28. She was so anxious to be with Jesus. I'm so glad she was prepared to meet Him; blessed thought after so many years of suffering. For about three weeks she seemed to be fully resigned to His will. She saw the one true church, also witnessed His power to heal. Bless the name of Jesus.

Yes, He means all to us. I wish I was where I could go to meetings. It may be that some time I will have that blessed privilege. Don't forget to pray for me. I mean by the help of the good Lord to be all that He would have me to be. Bless His holy name.

Give my love to all the saints. Thanking you all for your prayers, I remain as ever your Sister in Christ,

—Maude Christ.

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Okeene, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints scattered abroad: I feel led this evening to testify to the goodness of the dear Lord to me. I am praising the dear Lord for this salvation, and how it brings joy to my soul. I thank the dear Lord for how He has healed our little girl. She was sick almost to death's door it seemed to us. Truly I give God the praise. The Lord has raised her up so many times from the same sickness. So I feel like asking the prayers of every saint that she will overcome this weakness and become a strong child. I feel more encouraged to live this life than ever before. I am asking the prayers of every child of God that I will be faithful and true at all times and continue to do His will.

Your saved Sister, —Alberta Droke.

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Fairview, Okla. —Dear Sister in Christ: Greetings in the all prevailing name of Jesus who has

washed us in His own blood. I thank Him this evening for saving my soul and keeping me by His mighty power. There is nothing else in this world that will truly satisfy the longing soul but this wonderful salvation. The Lord has truly blessed me the last few weeks especially. The Lord has been very near to bless and encourage, for truly we find many disappointments by the way and the enemy of our souls will picture them almost unbearable, yet looking to the Lord we find abundant grace and mercy. Oh what joy and peace fills our heart when we see the enemy of our soul defeated.

Dear 'ones, let us be encouraged; it won't be long—our blessed Saviour is coming to take His chosen few unto Himself. The world is getting more evil every day, and I can't see how this time can go on much longer, yet God has been so merciful to mankind. They don't appreciate it, and many refuse to listen to His voice, yet His Spirit will not strive forever. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." St. Luke 13: 5.

I found a little poem in one of the farm papers, and it's a prophecy of Mother Shipton in the year 1488:—

Carriages without horses shall go,  
And accidents fill the world with woe.  
Around the world thoughts shall fly  
In the twinkling of an eye.  
Later yet shall wonders do,  
Now strange, yet shall be true.  
The world upside down shall be  
And gold be found at root of tree.  
Thru hills men shall ride,  
And no horse nor ass be at his side.  
Under water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.  
In the air shall be seen  
In white, in black, in green.  
Iron in water shall float,  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found  
In a land that's not now known.  
Fire and water shall wonders do,  
England shall at last admit a Jew.  
The world shall get rich and dirty,  
And come to an end in Nineteen-Thirty."

We read in the Word of God that we shall know neither the day nor hour wherein the Son of man cometh, and I suppose that very few, if any, will look for Him in 1930. But even that is no consolation, for the Word says, "Therefore be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Your Sister in Christian love,

—Mrs. R. B. Eck.

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## Division

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When Jesus came to this unfriendly world of sin and sorrow He found it scattered in a multitude

of all kinds of divisions. Even all Israel, the only nation of people that God fully recognized, was at times miraculously protected by His unfailing power when they walked in full obedience to His Word in humbleness of heart and mind, and yet they were shamefully divided and even warred against one another for more than a thousand years. Pride and idolatry were their besetting sins, through which God would permit them to become a prey to their enemies and many times were reduced to a mere handful of people. Then when they saw that God had forsaken them and hid His face from them, they would again humble their hearts in real repentance in sackcloth and ashes, then God in His great love and sure mercies of David, would again restore them and place a wall of fire around them, and shield them from all their enemies. They again became a mighty power and terror to all around them.

Had they always stood true to God and to the warnings of the prophets and walked in humble obedience to His law and stood together as one man, they could have been the greatest nation on the face of the earth, but pride, idolatry and division, the fruit of carnality, were their constant downfall. The same thing is true today, even in the gospel day, when pride and formalism—the fruit of carnality—reigns, divisions will always follow from which many reformations have come.

History also gives to us the sad, deplorable and shameful effects of divisions that have always hindered and scattered God's great purpose to man. Even the law of science tells us that there can be no effect without a cause. How true this is. The unconquered cause of division has reigned supreme, and without real remedy since the fall of man up to the coming of Christ.

The beloved Paul acknowledged in the Hebrew letter, "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did." Then we clearly see that the law of Moses with all its ceremonies, with all its administrations and the blood of animals could not remove the dreadful cause of strife and division.

The beloved John also testifies of Jesus. 1 John 3: 8, "For this purpose the Son of man was manifested that He might destroy the work of the devil." For we all know that strife and divisions are not of God. Now in order to make this thought clear to you, I will ask you, who divided the people of God or who is author of all divisions? Was it God? Certainly you will say, no, and every one else will say, no. Jesus said, He and the Father are one, and on

the last night on earth He prayed that most wonderful prayer for the unity of His disciples and all that would believe on Him through their word. Then there must be a mighty force or law that is in opposition to the great never-changing law of God's unity and love. True love of God cannot exist where pride, formalism or divisions reign.

All the old prophets who lived before the coming of Christ looked for this day. Even Job in his great affliction cries out, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and understood in the coming of Christ what a broken law could not do. This great salvation through Christ was and is yet so wonderful that even the angels of heaven desired to look into it. When Jesus came to this earth what did He find? He found the whole religious world in expectation for Him, but all sadly divided and scattered throughout the entire world. Yes, from this scattered world came the wise men in search of Him to worship Him. At His coming the Jews had lost the power of God from among them, and their worship was entirely controlled by ceremonies, traditions and formalism. That is why Jesus said, "Whom the Son of man maketh free is free indeed." He also said so much in the 10th chapter of John about the good shepherd and the one fold, and that He was the door. In verse 16 He says, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Jesus knew that there were many outside of the Jewish realm who would soon hear His voice and be gathered into this one fold. And as He spoke to the Jews about bondage and the one fold they took up stones to stone Him. So likewise today when real Bible unity and freedom from sin is taught and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost the same old devil gets stirred and some times does more than throw stones. You can teach and preach union or federation all you please and he will fall asleep in the pews. There is an affinity that is common to divisions, no matter how much they may differ in doctrine they will combine their forces to oppose real Bible unity for which Jesus prayed.

Men were justified before Jesus came, when they walked in obedience to God's law and did greater miracles than many are able to do now. The prime purpose of His coming was not to justify only but to sanctify and destroy the controlling power that causes men to sin. The beloved Paul gave his experience under the law in 7th chapter of Romans.

The night before Jesus was crucified He told the disciples very plainly the purpose of His coming, his suffering and crucifixion and earnestly prayed for them. He also told them if He did not go away the Holy Ghost would not come. Then we see there were two essential things that were necessary—the shedding of the blood of Jesus and the cleansing of the heart or soul of man for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Therefore Jesus paid the enormous price for our redemption by His own blood through His suffering and death, because man was sold under sin which hung over him like mortgage and constantly held him in bondage to sin. So Jesus paid the debt and released the old mortgage. You see also no one can put "new wine into old bottles." Now we read that most wonderful prayer that ever rolled from mortal tongue in that upper room where He prayed for his disciples and all believers after them that they might be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Then a few days after this as they were gathered together with one accord, perhaps in that same upper room, on the day of Pentecost they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and power and great grace and unity filled them until they were of one heart and one mind. That truly meant destruction to the 'old man' or carnal nature that has always been a dissembler or divider of God's truth and people. Then that wonderful prayer of Jesus was answered which burnt out all carnality and broke down the middle walls of division. Jesus made it possible for Jew and Greek or Gentile to flow together like a mighty river and become one people.

Likewise today, God is able to gather together into the one fold from the multitude of divisions, isms and cisms to the oneness and fullness of the gospel. Where carnality is slain and people are really filled with the Holy Ghost they will be of one heart and one mind. This surely will be heaven on earth, but as soon as carnality creeps in or lose their 'first love', division or formalism will be a sad result.

Many years ago at Corinth in the beginning of this gospel day they became divided into about four factions and the beloved Paul very sharply reproved them for it, and plainly told them that they were yet carnal and walked as men. Here is one of the sure and direct proofs that carnality is one inevitable cause of division. —Hiram W. Hechler.

"I will set no base thing before mine eyes."—Psa. 101: 3.

## Are Christians Forsaken? No!

(By *Ethel Lasley*)

“The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble and they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

There are many times in our Christian experience that the most of us have thought that God had forsaken us, and I dare say, it was because we could not feel His presence, and did not hear his voice. It is so natural for folks to want to either feel or see in order for them to believe. What does the Word of God say along this line? It says this to us: “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” 2 Cor. 5:7 says “We must walk by faith and not by sight.” Heb. 11:1 tells us that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith the children of Israel crossed through the Red Sea on dry ground; this surely seems impossible, but friends, there is absolutely nothing impossible for God to do. Moses told the people not to fear and that they should stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He would show them that day. Now Moses was a great man of God and mightily used of Him, and it was because he was obedient and had faith that God would do the things He had promised. Moses nor any other man or woman can do anything in himself, but through faith we can do all things. God told Moses to lift up the rod and to stretch out his hand over the sea, and divide it, and then the children of Israel would go on dry land through the midst of the sea. God expects us to obey his commands just as Moses obeyed, and then He will do his part. We all have our part to do after God saves our soul. He then expects us to go out and work for him; He may tell us to preach his Word, or He may send us to the sick and afflicted, and it may be He would use us to be an intercessor, but whatever He calls on us to do, let us be quick and obedient to the call, and God will be on the spot to do His part. All we can do is to give our bodies a living sacrifice, and then God will perform the miracles through us. Moses did not go ahead of God, but he waited for God to speak to him; and when He did, Moses just obeyed in his simple way. What did the rod or his hand have to do with it? It was neither of them that did the work, but it was obedience to what God said, and then God did the work. This is what God wants of us; a vessel meet for the Master’s use, just be pliable in His hands. You know we are clay, so let us be molded in the way

God may choose to have us. What if Moses had not obeyed his Master’s voice? I wonder what would have happened to the children of Israel? What if he had been like some of us today, stubborn, self-willed and with plenty of unbelief? Well, the enemy certainly would have gotten them on the spot. Let us take warning from now on and be obedient, and have faith that God will work through us as we obey Him. But if we are slack and disobedient the enemy will surely catch up with us, and then we are very liable to be crushed by his power. We need to have faith to believe that God will help us.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the walls about us will fall, and the chains will loosen, and we too will be set free from bondage. I have found out this one thing in my Christian experience; when I feel discouraged I begin to plead the blood of Jesus for myself and very soon victory comes sweeping my soul. If you have not yet tried this, I beg you to do so. Satan does not stay where the blood of Jesus is applied. He sure gets out suddenly when we plead for the blood to be applied. He hates the name of Jesus and His blood, for he knows his time is short around it; he cannot work at all where it is. If we are under the blood, we are safe from all harm. We have a right to ask God for what ever we need. He says, ask, and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Sometimes God withholds things from us for a while; He is trying our faith. We should not get discouraged if we do not see results from our prayers immediately. This is the time God wants us to wait on Him, and in his own good time He will answer our request. It may be that some of you who have been praying for quite a while about certain things have gotten discouraged in waiting for your answer. Friends, let me admonish you to keep right on praying, and after a time you are going to see faith take hold of God, and your answer will be awarded you. Don’t give up or let down, for Satan is there to discourage you if you do. I have found out in my own Christian experience that I must hold fast to God’s unchanging hand, and believe He will some time some place answer my long continued request. Heb. 11:6 says: “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Let us seek his face daily and pray without ceasing, and I am sure He will reward us with an answer.

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## Ye Must Be Born Again

“There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, the same came to Jesus by night and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him, Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” Jno. 3: 1- 3.

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.” 1 Pet. 1: 23. To be ‘born again’ is to experience that change of heart and life wrought by the Holy Spirit; to have an inward consciousness or knowledge of sins forgiven. It is to be made a new creature as the scripture says; “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.” 2 Cor. 5: 17. It is a lamentable fact that there are untold numbers of people that call themselves Christians that know nothing at all about the experience of the new birth. The best evidence they can produce that they are Christians is that they have been baptized, or during such and such revival meeting they joined the church. Their hearts have never been regenerated; they have never plunged into the fountain that was opened for sin and uncleanness. They know nothing of the peace and joy, and the sweet assurance that comes to the soul that knows its sins are forgiven, for this experience only comes to those who have really been born again. Turning over new leaves, making good resolutions, or living what is considered a good moral life will not be sufficient to give one an entrance into the Kingdom of God; ‘ye must be born again.’ Jesus said, “Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again.” Jno. 3: 7. There is no other way given, and humanity will not be able to find any other way. “Ye must be born again.” Ye must be; there is no getting around this injunction. Brother Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, says, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God, for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.” Rom. 8: 14 -16. Praise the Lord; it is truly wonderful to know that one is not left in doubt when they meet the conditions as they are given in God’s holy Book, the Bible. It teaches us that Jesus came to give His people a knowledge of

salvation by the remission of their sins. Well what must I do, says one, that I may obtain this experience. Let us read in Isa.\*55: 6 -7 which says, “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” Ezek 33: 15, “If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die.” Acts 17: 30, “At the times of this ignorance God winked at but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Matt: 4: 17, “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” There are many other scriptures exhorting to repentance and restitution that we will not quote at this time, but may it suffice enough to say that one must be awakened to their condition, obey the requirements of the Lord as He has given in his Word, call upon the Lord from the depths of their heart for forgiveness of sins committed, believe that the blood atones for them and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Redeemer.

Dear friends, there is no other way; “Ye must be born again.”  
— Ulysses Phillips.

### The Gate To Rest

I’ve found a quiet resting place;

To me it is so sweet  
To lay aside all earthly care  
And sit at Jesus’ feet.

Oh blessed habitation  
Where weary souls may rest,  
Within the shadow of the cross,  
Upon the Saviour’s breast.

There is a little wicket gate  
Through which we each must go,  
If we’d enjoy the blessed state  
Exempt from sin and woe.

It’s on the straight and narrow path  
That leads from wrath and strife  
And every wickedness of man  
Into the Way of Life.

Since Jesus said, “I am the door,”  
No other gate can be  
Through which the soul may enter rest  
And perfect liberty.

“Come unto me, ye toiling ones,  
I am the light, the way.”  
Oh won’t you heed the Saviour’s voice  
And enter in today?

—Ulysses Phillips.