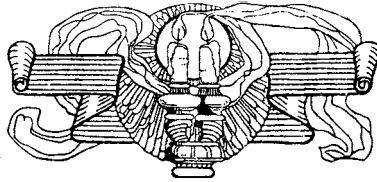


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*God is  
Love.*



*Jesus  
Saves.*

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## I KNOW THAT CHRIST LIVES

“Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20: 29).

I saw not the hill nor the cross where they nailed Him,  
Nor heard His last words through His quivering  
breath;

I bore Him not hence to the tomb that received Him,  
So silent and cold in that chamber of death;  
But stronger than sight is the *faith* that believes it,  
And greater than reason, *God's witness* to me;  
For sin and uncleanness the Christ made atonement;  
*I know* that He died, for His blood cleanseth me!

I saw not the angel that came at the dawning  
To roll back the stone where the Crucified lay,  
Nor saw Him arising, majestic in triumph  
O'er death and the grave, on the first Easter day;  
But deep in my heart is the peace that abideth,  
And joys growing big, like the streams near the sea;  
Not dead my Redeemer! He's risen! He's risen!  
*I know* that Christ lives, for He liveth in me!

I heard not Him utter His wonderful promise  
Again to return from His glorious Throne,  
To call from the graves His redeemed, His beloved,  
With all those who love His appearing—His own;  
But the gladness that bursts into song as I read it  
Is proof strong enough of the truth that I see;  
He's coming! He's coming! My risen Redeemer,  
In the day of Thy glory, remember Thou me!  
— Edna Jane Allen.

## Who Then Can Be Saved?

“Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne  
and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house that  
ye build unto Me? and where is the place of my rest?  
For all these things hath mine hand made, and all  
those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this

man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a con-  
trite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” (Isa. 66: 1-  
2). It is true, God has but one way to save the sinner,  
and that is His own way. “Wherefore He saith, God  
resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble.  
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil  
and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and  
He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye  
sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.  
Be afflicted and mourn, and weep: let your laughter  
be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.  
Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He  
shall lift you up. (Jas. 4: 6-10). For thus saith the  
high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity whose  
name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place with  
him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit; to  
revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the  
heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend  
forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit  
should fail before Me, and the souls which I have  
made.” (Isa. 57: 15, 16).

We can see by the above text that God made  
your precious souls and will revive the penitent, and  
will save the humble ones. If we could only, by the  
help of God's grace, show the poor sinner that God  
does truly love them so well that He gave His only  
begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him might  
have everlasting life, for God wills not the death of  
any, but rather that all may come to repentance. For  
thou desirest not sacrifices, else would I give it: thou  
delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of  
God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite  
heart, O God, thou wilt not despise (Psa. 51: 15, 16).

Under the Law the people sacrificed slain beasts  
to atone for their sins which was a type or shadow of  
God's sacrifice of His Son, whose blood now cleanses  
from all sin and gives us the victory, providing we  
bring to Him a broken heart and humble spirit. He  
that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a  
rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. The  
Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him; to all

that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them (Psa. 145: 18, 19). Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call 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.

Here is something else. 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. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. (Ezek. 33: 15, 16).

Now hear the blessed invitation. 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. The gate is strait, the way is narrow. You can't get in with your crookedness, but thank God, He came to make the crooked strait.

May God in His infinite mercy awaken poor, lost souls and bring light to them that they may be saved, is our prayer.  
— Elihu Key.

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## THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

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Angels stoop down from the battlements of heaven to look into this mystery. (See 1 Pet. 1: 12). Man is dearer to God by the cross than angels are. It effects a closer relationship. Man is born of God and becomes His heir, and angels are sent to minister to him along the journey of life and carry him to heaven when life's journey comes to an end. Glorious as the angels are, the glory of humanity is greater. Jesus says, "The glory that thou gavest me I have given them." John 17: 22. God has given angels a created glory, but the redeemed have His glory. Man is the glory of God, (1 Cor. 11: 7) and God is the glory of man. God finds in man the glory of fatherhood, and man finds in Him the glory of sonship. On the cross God gave Himself to man, and on the cross man gives himself to God. Man is born of God in Christ, and Christ is born in man. (See Gal. 4: 19). The humanity that was given Christ in the womb of the virgin Mary was the humanity of man. Christ's humanity and man's humanity are identically the same. One is just as well adapted to the life of Christ as the other. God has taken up manhood and stamped it with Godhood, and at the same moment stamps Godhood with

manhood. Humanity and divinity are the same whether they be God in man or man in God. This does not make man God, but does make him God-like and enables him to do the work of God. Let Christ into your humanity and He will come in and walk about in you, living the same simple, holy, separated life and do the same works that He did in that humanity in which He walked about on the shores of Galilee. Did He not do it in Paul's humanity? in Peter's? He did in Paul's humanity what He did in His own, because Paul was crucified with Him and He lived in Paul's life. He thought in Paul, He willed, He suffered, He rejoiced, He prayed, He healed the sick and raised the dead in Paul's humanity the same as in His own, and He will do the same in yours if you will be dead with Him. You must be dead with Christ. You say you are dead, that the "old man" is crucified. What means the bleating of the sheep? Go out on the street dressed like a saint ought to dress, let some one treat you coldly, or speak falsely about you, and you may yet discover some signs of the "old man's" life. A triumphant, victorious life over all the world is a great mystery, and can be had only through death and resurrection with Christ.

### PERFECT MANHOOD

"Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4: 13. Christ is the type of man's perfect manhood. He was man at his best, and no man is at his best until he is like Christ. Christ was what all men ought to be. Man ought to be what Christ was. "Because as He is so are we in this world." 1 John 4: 17. Man can know what his life ought to be by looking on the life of Christ. You say that you would liked to have lived with Jesus when He was here, then join company with a saint—it is all the same. The laws and instincts that were in the humanity of Jesus when here and the laws and instincts in a Christian are identically the same. Some say that they will be Christ-like when they get to heaven. It is not the place you get into that will make you like Christ, but what you get in you. Man at his best is perfect as God is perfect (Matt. 5: 48), pure as He is pure (1 John 3: 3), righteous as He is righteous (1 John 3: 7), merciful as He is merciful (Luke 6: 36), walk in love as He walked in love (Eph. 5: 2), walk even as He walked (1 John 2: 6), separate from the world as He was (John 17: 16). This is perfect manhood.

— C. E. Orr.

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## A Word From John Elavel

Year A. D. 1671.

“And now let me expostulate a little with those ungrateful souls that trample under foot the Son of God; that value not the love that gave Him up to die. What is that mercy which you so condemn and undervalue? Is it so vile and cheap a thing as your conduct speaks it to be? Is it indeed worth no more than this in your eyes? Surely you will not be long of this opinion. Will you be of that mind, think you, when death and judgment shall have thoroughly awakened you? O no: then a thousand worlds for Christ.

“Or, think ye that any besides you in the world are of your mind? You are deceived if you think so; ‘To them that believe He is precious,’ (1 Pet. 2: 7) through all the world. And in the other world they are of a quite contrary mind. Could you but hear what is said of Him in heaven, in what a dialect the saved of the Lord extol their Saviour; or could you but imagine the self-revenges, the self-torments, which the damned suffer for their folly, and what a value they would set upon one tender of Christ, if it might but again be hoped for, you would see that such as you, are the only despisers of Christ. Besides, methinks it is astonishing that you should despise a mercy in which your own souls are so dearly, so deeply, so everlastingly concerned, as they are in this gift of God. If it were but the soul of another, nay, less, if but the body of another, and yet less than that, if but another’s beast, whose life you could preserve, you are obligated to do it; but when it is thyself, yea, the best part of thyself, thine own invaluable soul, that thou ruigest and destroyest thereby, O what a monster art thou to cast it away thus! What will you slight your own souls? Care you not whether they be saved, or whether they be damned? Is it indeed an indifferent thing with you which way they fall at death? Have you imagined a tolerable hell? Is it easy to perish? Are you not only turned God’s enemies, but your own too? Oh, see what monsters sin can turn men into. Oh, the stupefying, besetting, intoxicating power of sin. But perhaps you think that all these are but uncertain sounds with which we alarm you: it may be thine heart will preach such doctrine as this to thee: ‘Who can assure me of the reality of these things? Why should I trouble myself with an invisible world, or be so much concerned for what my eyes never saw, nor did I ever receive the report from any that have seen them?’ Well, though we cannot now show you these things, yet shortly they shall be shown

you, and your own eyes shall behold them. You are convinced and satisfied that many other things are real which you never saw; but be assured that, “If the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness?” Heb. 2: 2- 4. But perhaps you say, “If they be certain, yet they are not near; it will be a long time before they come.” Poor soul, how dost thou cheat thyself! It may be not one twentieth part so long a time as thy own fancy paints for thee: thou art not certain of the next moment.

“And suppose what thou imaginest; what are twenty or forty years when they are past? Go, trifle away a few days more: sleep out a few nights more, and then lie down in the dust: it will not be long ere the trump of God shall awaken thee, and thine eyes shall behold Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven, and then you will know the price of this sin. Oh, therefore, if there be any sense of eternity upon you, any pity or love for yourself in you; if you have any interests more than the beasts that perish, despise not your own offered mercies, slight not the richest gift that ever was yet opened to the world; and a sweeter cannot be opened to all eternity.”

### “STAND THEREFORE”

The Word says, “Having done all to stand—stand therefore.” (Eph. 6: 13). In Gal. the fifth chapter and first verse: “Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” In Acts the fifth chapter and twentieth verse: “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” Moses said to the people, “Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.”

Now, salvation is deliverance from distress of soul and mind. Dear saints, be of good cheer, the Lord is on our side. Yours under the Blood, — W. M. Reed.

### AFTERWARD

One little hour for watching with the Master,  
 Eternal years to walk with Him in white,  
 One little hour to bravely meet disaster,  
 Eternal years to reign with Him in light,  
 One little hour for weary toils and trials,  
 Eternal years for calm and peaceful rest,  
 One little hour for patient self-denials,  
 Eternal years for life, where life is blest.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer :--  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth not."

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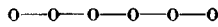
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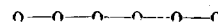
You will note that we have made some changes in the above printed matter, and will not put out the "Faith and Victory" in August of each year, as that is the month in which we have camp-meetings and we feel the need of attending these meetings; also each office worker needs a vacation from the continual indoor activities. The paper will be sent twelve months to each subscriber for twenty-five cents, and our aim, desire and prayer is to live so close to God and so much in the Spirit that each issue will contain real heavenly food for the souls of men and that each issue have articles in it that will convict the sinner and point him to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

There is so much printed matter going out into the world in these days which is calculated to undermine faith in God, and much of it so teaches that it just gets souls to profess Christ without a real change of heart. Men with just a mere profession of Christ is worse off than the non-professor, as the enemy of his soul uses that profession to ward off real conviction and thereby keeps him in darkness and traveling the broad road to destruction and misery. If you have friends or neighbors who are in need of God, get the paper started to going to them and then pray earnestly every time they get a paper that God will seal some truth upon their heart, convict and draw them to Christ. By so doing you will save your own soul and perhaps the means or instrument of saving another soul. If you become idle in spiritual things the enemy of all righteousness will be sure to give you something to do, and what he gives may seem so innocent, yet it will be unprofitable to God and to your own soul, and before you hardly realize it you will find yourself losing interest in spiritual things and your soul will soon be in great trouble, confusion, darkness and deadness will exist, leaving you with an empty profession and without heavenly life in your soul. This would be sad indeed, for no person is ready for heaven without the Spirit of Christ dwelling in his or her

soul. Paul says, "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Souls, we need to keep active in praying, in watching, in doing. We are admonished by the Word to have on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Let that which be in you be even as it was in Christ. His life of self-denial stands out as a great light, pointing out to each of us the heavenly way.



In these times of financial distress we are receiving many letters from folks who are asking for aid. Some of these letters are very pitiful to read; whole families on the verge of starvation and without clothing fit to wear. They are begging for clothing and for food stuff to keep life in the body. There has been some clothing sent in, but it has been sent out long ago and too, it costs quite a lot to send the clothes and food stuff to these parties, and we are not able to pay the express or freight which is required to get things to them. We do not deem it heavenly wisdom to put these begging letters in the paper, for if we did, we would soon have the paper filled up with nothing else. The mission of this paper is to get food to the souls of men and to bring heavenly light and truth to the unsaved that they may be clothed with righteousness and have on the wedding garment, with oil in their vessel at His coming. The soul is of more value than the body, although a soul may be reached through good deeds done to or for their body. God through His Word has pronounced a blessing upon those who are willing to share things with their less favored brother or neighbor. Read Isaiah 58: 7, 8 and 9. We are laboring here on a shortage of means and are unable to help these poor souls who are in bodily need. We are doing much praying these days, both for the needs here at the office and for those abroad. We ask our readers to join us in prayer and to cooperate with us as God moves upon your heart. Willing service is what God delights in, and to give to the poor is like lending to the Lord. We all ought to have faith and confidence enough in God to lend to Him, for He has promised in His word that it shall be given to you again, good measure, pressed together and running over. God will pay big interest on all goods loaned to Him; but after all, we just take of His and give to Him. Let His name be praised for He is worthy and He alone.

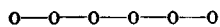


Christian friends, beware of becoming a part of or getting in sympathy with the current of this world, for God has called us to be a separated people unto

Himself, a peculiar people, zealous of good works. When we give way to the ways of the world in fashion and dress, in life insurance, in card parties, in ball games and other revelings, we are gradually but surely working defeat to our own souls, and by our example others are carried along with a mere profession and will fall into the ditch as their blind leader. Sinners are reading your life and watching your ways and deeds, and by these things you are "standing in the way of sinners"; squarely disobeying God's word and failing to give out the truth and true light and holding much of the truth in unrighteousness. Such actions and deeds from a Christian will and does destroy sensitiveness to the truth. "It weakens the soul's power of moral preceptions. If we cultivate the habit of obeying the truth and following its lead, we shall proportionately increase our sensitiveness to its teachings. Our visions shall become clearer, and we shall have larger and distincter views of it. Obey divine truth when you hear it speak to you, follow its indication of conduct and duty, and you will become more and more sensitive to it, you will recognize the truth with growing facility. But disobey what you know to be the truth, let it be a habit with you to disobey, and soon the voice of truth will be quenched and you will cease to hear it. You know how soon conscience may lose its sensitiveness, and gradually that which at one time you looked upon as sin, and were right in looking upon it as sin, has come to be regarded as innocent, as something quite allowable even in a Christian man. Beware of trifling with the truth! It is to your interest that it should come into a position of power in your nature, that it may bless you with its freedom." Beware, therefore, of letting some cherished fleshly habit or earthly ambition hold it back or prevent it from rising or increasing within you. Those self-gratifying things are destroying the soul's sensitiveness and in the end will put you in company with and as one of the foolish virgins. The "Evening Light saints" have greater light and more responsibility than any people. God is depending on His saints to be as a "City set on a hill that cannot be hid." as the salt of the earth. They are counted as ambassadors of Christ. This is a high calling and should be greatly respected and circumspectly guarded that Christ may truly get glory out of our stay in these mortal bodies. To hear the Word of God and failing to do it, is damning many souls. "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch, for ye know not the day nor the hour of His coming."

The revival meeting at Oklahoma City which begun on the 15th of Feb. has been a great success. The Lord has been doing some real work in that city; souls have been saved, a good many sanctified and the saints have been truly revived and quickened by the straight clear truth which has been mightily proclaimed by the anointing of the Spirit of God. At this writing the meeting has been going on for two weeks and will continue as long as the Lord leads and continues to anoint for the same. The Lord has a precious body of saints at Oklahoma City, and the enemy has been working hard against them, trying to make inroads into the sweet unity and peace which only true saints possess, but his efforts and crafty planning has been frustrated, upset and destroyed by the greater power and wisdom of our God. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

We have been there in the meetings each Sunday and Sunday night and sometimes through the week. We have often heard this expression: "This is the most wonderful meeting that we have had here." The saints are rejoicing and greatly pleased. They teach, practice and preach it just like the saints did thirty years ago, and the Word preached has the same convicting drawing power as it did then, and souls who come to the altar get more than just a mere profession. We are thankful to God for Holy Ghost ministers who preach the Word and back it up by a clean life separated from the world.



#### NOTICE

Bro. C. E. Orr of Hammond, La. writes us that the Sunday-school lessons for April, May and June will be found in the Gospel of Luke, and if any Sunday school scholar wants the Gospel of St. Luke bound in heavy, limp paper cover, he will mail it to them free. If a Sunday-school teacher wants a number for her or his class, he will mail free as many as she or he orders. He will be very thankful if you will send him a one cent stamp for each booklet ordered to help pay postage and for envelopes in which to mail them.

He has New Testaments which he will send free to any scholar who does not have a Testament. Let the scholar order through his parents or teacher.

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### MEETING REPORT

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The Lord truly has blessed his little flock here at Neosho, Mo., and has added twenty-one in number to the Church during the meeting which has just closed.

The meeting was a success throughout. Souls be-

gun to get saved at the beginning of the meeting; 21 were saved, 9 sanctified and a number healed, also the saints were greatly encouraged. Bro. John Wilson of Greenfield, Mo. was here and the Lord used him in preaching the Word part of the time. The service of baptism was observed on the last Sunday, followed by the Lord's supper and the washing of feet as recorded in the thirteenth chapter of St. John's gospel. The Lord gloriously witnessed by His presence.

It has been a long time since I have seen so much conviction on the people as I have here of late. It is pleasing to see the Lord so good to lost souls as to help them to see themselves and then give them courage to seek Him in an accepted time. Remember the congregation here in prayer, especially the young converts.

Sincerely yours in Christ, — John Strech.

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### The Old People's Home

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Last week I visited the Home, finding its inmates rejoicing in their souls and much encouraged despite the crowded quarters and a financial shortage.

The Home is an actual reality, having four inmates; one of them is being cared for by relatives, and the other three are the saints who have labored for God until old age and infirmities have left the prints of time on their brows—not able to work any more.

The Home is maintained by free-will offerings and is a non-profit institution, which places the responsibility on the saints in general. The management of the Home is through a board of trustees and the trustees being subject to the Church throughout makes this institution a responsible one. We invite the counsel of the brethren concerning the Home, its management, upkeep and what has to do with the Home on all lines.

One of the greatest lacks is finance at the present time, but just a small offering weekly from the saints would supply all their needs. We expect to make this Home a place for all the saints who are aged and infirm just as fast as we can. To begin with we did not have the money to start in the erection of buildings, so funds were to be supplied by those who were able to build a unit or partly so. Later on, these will, no doubt, have more conveniences, and will be run on faith line as soon as can be. The Home is deeded to the Church for a home through its trustees and successors, hence there can be no chance of any controversy over property.

All who are interested write to the Secretary or any of the Trustees, and if you have some of the Lord's

money, send it to Mrs. Jennie C. Ruddy, Pomona, Cal. or any of the trustees who will see that it is delivered there. —E. M. Zinn, Trustee, Bellflower, Calif.

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## OBITUARY

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“Sister Drucilla Trent Porter was born Feb. 25, 1875 at Granby, Mo. Died Jan. 6, 1931.

She accepted the Truth at the age of 16 and was called of God to the gospel work at the age of 18. Was a co-worker with her sister, Miss Ellen Trent, and Sister C. A. Sunderland.

She was married to W. H. Porter of Webb City, Mo., in 1903. To this union were born three children: Ruth Tressalora, who died at the age of nine months, Zelda Opal and Amos Leon. Sister Porter was an example in her girlhood of modesty and purity. After she was married she was an example as a wife, a mother, a neighbor and especially a minister of the gospel.

She worked faithfully in the community in which she lived for more than 25 years. Her health began failing her more than two years ago and most of that time she was not able to go to Church but was always ready to pray for any one, night or day, who desired her to.”

A telegram brought us the sad and shocking news of the loss of this one faithful co-laborer in the ministry. As we met them and listened to the words of the bereaved husband, of what a faithful helper she had been in their life together, we were made to think of the words of the wise man: “Who can know a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies; the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She will do him good and not evil all the day of her life.”

As we listened to her dear son and daughter, Amos and Zelda, tell of the wonderful prayers they had heard their mother pray, we again thought of the words of the wise man: “Her children arise up and call her blessed.” Truly our deep felt loss is her gain.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned in the Church of God chapel at Webb City, Mo. where our departed Sister had been pastor for many years. The chapel was well filled. The body of this our departed Sister was then followed by weeping relatives, friends and saints to the Carterville cemetery. We do not weep as those who have no hope, for her happy soul has just moved out of its house of clay to be at home with the Lord. Funeral text was, 2 Tim. 4: 7- 8.

“Though she be gone and we are sad,  
This cheering thought will make us glad  
In the resurrection when He will say:—  
Come ye blessed from 'neath the clay,  
Where all will be eternal day.”

— O. B. and Mattie Wilson.

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## Soul-winning

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“He that winneth souls is wise” (Prov. 11: 30). There is no joy equal to that of seeing lost souls turn from sin to salvation. 'Tis a great experience to find redemption for your own soul, but after that you have tasted of the joy of salvation, then what a great joy it is to see others turn and find peace and rest for their soul. Earthly joy and laughter of today may give place to the deepest sorrow before another sun, but the joy of rescuing the lost, snatching souls from a burning hell,—this kind of joy endures. Why did Jesus endure the cross, despising the shame as Heb. 12: 2 tells us? Was it to gain a great name for Himself? No; it was because of His love for man. He willingly suffered the cruel death of the cross that lost souls might be saved. Could you be happy in your home amid comfort if you knew one of your children was lost in the mountains freezing and dying, yet within your reach? No, you could not; and Christ's love reaches far beyond that of earthly parents. He was willing to die because He knew man was lost and dying. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. He knew the value of a single soul. Oh, if we as Christians could only get a glimpse of souls being lost; to know the worth of one soul, surely we would make a resolution to do more for Christ in this new year than in any year past, in trying to win souls for Him.

Dan. 12: 3 reads, “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” Who are the wise that the first part of this verse speaks about? Our text will answer: “He that winneth souls is wise.” The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We are told not to fear him who can destroy only the body, but fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Truly, it is joy to lead thirsty souls to the fountain of life where all can drink and thirst no more. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled (Matt. 5: 6). Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. \*\*\*buy wine and milk without money and without price (Istaiah 55: 1). When we

bring souls to Christ, we cause the angels in heaven to rejoice, for there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance (Luke 15: 7).

Souls are not always saved by groups. Soul-winning is a personal work, as well as the preacher who reaches souls with the message he speaks. If you remember, Jesus did personal work as well as speaking to multitudes. Do you remember Jesus and the woman at Jacob's well, how He told her the sweet story of life? It is our duty as Christians to speak to as many as possible concerning their souls' welfare. Our teaching and admonition should fall like drops of gentle rain, not like hard gravel. Christ was always meek, gentle and long-suffering, always spoke with kindness.

May I close by mentioning an incident which happened? A man was drowning in a lake on a cold day. Some one desirous of helping him, gave him the end of a plank that was covered with ice. The man tried many times to get hold and save himself, but he could not. Finally when it seemed that all hopes were gone, he cried, "Do give me the other end of the plank; this end is icy!"

Let's all be careful in trying to help others that we do not give them the icy end of the plank.

— Mary Scribner.

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## Prayer

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Samuel Johnson was once asked, what the strongest argument for prayer was, and he replied, sir, there is no argument for prayer; it is a natural tendency. In the words of Carlyle, prayer is and remains the native and the deepest impulse of the soul of man. Plutarch wrote: "If we traverse the world, it is possible to find cities without walls, without wealth, without letters, without kings, without coin, without theaters and schools; but a city without a temple, or that practiseth not worship, prayers and the like, no one ever saw."

The instinct of prayer is universal. It is a connecting link between man and God. It is a conscious communion with God. It is bringing God so nigh to the soul, and filling our soul with His presence.

Prayer may be that of adoring, confessing, giving thanks, or submitting petitions. Examples of men of prayer can be gathered from the Bible. The sacrifice of Abel, as he stood by his slain lamb, confessing his sin and imploring divine mercy, is nothing but prayer. Prayer was the constant characteristic of

Abraham. Isaac and Jacob were praying men. Moses had special power in this direction. Samuel was noted for the same trait. When he resigned the judge-ship, the people asked him not to cease praying for them. David was always on his knees. The aged Anna departed not from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayer, night and day. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, and He himself used to pray; sometimes He spent the whole night in prayer. Paul, the last and the greatest of the apostles, was full of the spirit of prayer.

Dear reader, is prayer a mere form or a precious reality with you? Is the spirit of prayer dormant in you until a crisis calls it into activity? Make prayer the breath of your life. The soul cannot prosper if you neglect it. Maintain the habit of prayer "without ceasing."

Yours in Christian service,

(Son of Bro. Cherian), — K. C. Abraham.

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## Danger And Warning

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What the Word of God is to all who walk in its Divine light. First of all, the Lord, seeing the great need of His people having a foundation upon which to build their Christian faith and experience, made a plan by which to govern our lives. Matt. 7: 24 brings forth truth which shows us success or failure, placing us each responsible personally for ourselves. God at this age has made it possible for us to hear His Word preached in its fullness and purity, thus giving us as His off-spring a chance to obey or disobey the Holy Writ as we may choose, thus telling us in simple language our success in the Christian life if we do His Word.

He warns us of hearing and not doing (James 1: 22- 25). 'Tis true that many are hearing the Word but fail to carry out its advice, thus deceiving themselves, and it's quite so, that self-deception is so blinding to the heart and mind that it is very difficult many times for those who are deceived in themselves to get a vision of their sad condition. This makes it dangerous; after hearing the Word, not to do it.

Many times in our travels we see the great need of the people of God in this careless and indifferent age of being more diligent about keeping the Sacred Word of Truth. The apostle Paul, speaking to the Hebrews (2: 1), sounds the warning of danger: no doubt seeing the possibility and probability of us, who hear the Word of God, not doing it, thus letting it slip. His heart being stirred, surely the hearts of God's ministers are stirred in this day when they see



such careless conditions in many places. If the Bible is our guide to heaven, we feel sure we need to do its biddings.

We find a carelessness among the people of God in not going to meeting. All it takes many times to keep people away from prayer-meeting is for a cloud to arise looking a little like rain, or just a little cold weather. The devil says, "There will not be but a few out to-night; you might just as well stay at home." But God says, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner or custom of some is, but exhorting one another so much the more as you see the day approaching. Surely we see the day of the Lord approaching.

Isaiah 55: 10, 11 shows the results of the working of the Word of God in our hearts. We see in Luke 8 that the heart is the ground, and the Word of God is the seed. It's so, the Word is like a shower of rain, (Isa. 55: 11) and also like seed. When sown in the heart, it grows if the heart is good and honest, and we know that when the Word of God reaches the heart and it does not grow, there must be something wrong with the ground (heart), for the seed which is the Word of God is always good. We trust that the hearts of God's people may be stirred to action at once, for we see great danger approaching. The Bible gives us advice on every line, not leaving us in doubt and wonder on any line, but we are told how to treat the neighbor (Matt. 19: 19), the enemy (Matt. 5: 44), the elders (1 Tim. 5: 17- 22), the wife to the husband, and the husband to the wife (Eph. 5: 22 -26). Brethren, we are going to be without excuse when He comes. Let us hear Him at His Word, to take warning from Him. (Ezek. 3: 17).

May God bless and encourage all who know Him to walk in His fear. Be sober and watch unto prayer.

Yours under the Blood, — John Strech.

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

Loranger, La. —My dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family: Greetings to all in Jesus' precious name. May the dear Lord bless and help you to ever stay in the path way of the just, and thus continue to be real blessings to all those with whom you come in contact.

Dear ones, we have often thought of you since the Assembly meeting, and thought of writing several times but through neglect we have never written until now; nevertheless we enjoyed your presence with us. This leaves us well and with victory in our souls and encouraged to press on till the crown is won. I think sometimes of the many precious souls that have (in time past) started out for the Lord but for some

cause they stopped and went back to the world, but thank the Lord. there is a few that will go through.

When the angel told Lot to get out of Sodom, he told them not to even look back; so with us today. God doesn't even want us to look back at the filthy things we left behind, but to press on and on till we receive the great reward that is awaiting only the faithful.

We received the "Faith and Victory" this month and enjoyed reading it. We trust some precious souls will find their way through to Jesus by reading its pages. We never know how much good we are doing, although we have to sow the seed and leave the rest with God. We are sure the dear Lord will not let our labor be in vain after going through hardship and tarrying before Him in prayer to know what to do and how to do His biddings. We gladly do that which He shows us, although some suffering will have to be endured. God will surely reward and take care of the seeds that are sown. It's encouraging to know that the dear Lord takes note of everything we do for Him.

All the saints here are getting along well. We certainly had a good prayer-meeting last night. The dear Lord had the table set and we ate. I like to be in meetings where the Spirit of God is having His way, and then everything will be in perfect order. Praise the Lord.

We will close, trusting you all are well and encouraged to live on for Jesus. We desire your prayers that we ever be what the Lord would have us to be, and fill the little place where He has put us. Above everything we want to please Him. The grace of our Lord be with you all, trusting to see all of you again some time in the future.

Yours in Christ, — Lottie Joiner.

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Cleveland, Ohio. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May the Lord ever bless you and keep you. Amen.

I am still saved and pressing on, also healed. Praise the Lord. I began to get better the day after I got home from Hammond, La. Assembly meeting. In four weeks' time I was able to work again without any pain. I am thanking the Lord for what He has done for me in healing me from sciatic rheumatism, and also for the prayers of the dear saints. I still have a little stiffness in my back, also a cold. I want you to continue to pray for me and I know the Lord will make me every whit whole. The Lord has been my Savior and Healer these eight years, and I have

not used remedies of any kind during this time, and I mean by the grace of God to trust Him to the end.

I would be very glad if you would send me three or four tracts of the poem written by Bro. H. E. Locker, "The Reformation."

Your Bro. in Christ, — F. Kutra.

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Lititz, Pa. —Dear ones in Christ Jesus our Lord: May grace and glory rest and abide with you is my prayer.

I am glad I am saved from all sin this beautiful morning. It is so sad to see our dear ones reveling in sin. There is all kinds of amusements to draw the dear young people away from what is good and right, and not only the young but quite old ones too. We have a man in our town ninety-four years old and going after picnics and frolics. I am glad for the few true ones scattered all over the earth, but they are very few. In our part we have many professors but very few possessors; many mockers and scoffers, but none of these things shall move me. I am bound to go through at any cost by God's help and your prayers, let come what will.

We have a happy little band of saints here in Bucks county, but we get to see them only a few times in a year. I said, a happy little band; yes, all saints are happy. They are: Bro. and Sister Wm. Cramer, Sis. Amanda Shaffer, Julia Cramer, Rosella Slifer, and the Houck family. When we get together we enjoy ourselves in the Lord; the more we are together the more joy. What will it be when we all get together to stay forever! When we get home we will shout and sing forever and ever. There are only two of us here just now.

May the good Lord watch between me and thee until we meet in heaven. Your Bro.,  
— H. H. Shank.

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Tenn. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name.

Dear ones, I am answering the kind letter I received a few days ago; was glad to get a kind letter of encouragement from you. You know I wrote you some time ago, asking your prayers as I was burdened with sin. Thank God, He really heard and answered your prayers. On the 24th night of Jan. it was wonderful how He saved me, and also my 18-year-old son at about the same time. Praise His holy name. It seems almost a miracle to think of how He saved a man like me. I was a backslider, a bootlegger, a brew maker and everything that was wrong, but praise His

dear name, I am saved and on the road to heaven and out to do all the good I can.

You know you have done a lot of good by sending out your little tracts, and I just think there is no paper like the "Faith and Victory". It has been such a help to me. I thank God for you and the little paper. I'm going to send you some money in the future. I am starting to keep books; I am going to give the tenth dollar for His cause, for I feel it my duty to do so, and we will prosper in this world and in the one to come. He said He would open the window of heaven and pour out a blessing that we are not able to receive. It is best to obey Him and that is my aim. Thank God, the world has lost all its pleasures for me. I thank God for what He has done for our home. You know it is wonderful; words cannot express what has been done.

I pray God's richest blessings on you and family, and the good work which you are doing. May God bless every effort you put forth. Pray for me and my family. Your Bro. in Christ, — Virgil T. French.

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Loranger, La. —Dear saints of God: On the 26th day of Dec. I went to the Assembly meeting at Hammond, and spent the week-end enjoying the truth which went forth. Was glad to meet with the saints there and those from away also. Saints are saints wherever you meet them. I felt led to go from there to Abita Springs which is a few miles away, and where there is a little church and about five saints. We had a few little services. They seem to be encouraged to press the battle on. Their surroundings are compromisers, yet the Lord is able to keep His children hedged in on every side with the walls of fire and salvation. The Word of God is a sure foundation.

By the Lord's help and grace I mean to stay true and fight the good fight of faith and stand on His promises, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, for we surely need that faith in these last evil days. Your Sister, set in defense of the Gospel,  
— Grace Martin.

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Suva, Fiji Islands —My dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Your letter with words of encouragement to stand firm and to be faithful came safely to hand. I trust you all had a real good spiritual time at Hammond, La. It's just lovely to be able to meet occasionally for the revival of our spiritual life.

I have realized very much of late what you say about the time fast coming when the real saints will be hated and persecuted. About three weeks ago I

baptized a little Indian lad, thirteen years of age. He was staying with his older brother who is a Hindu in religion. Achary took his stand for Jesus about twelve months ago. After being baptized his brother tied his hands for two days and beat him, but that has only helped him to stand firmer. He has gone to Labasa to his father and mother. Before he left he came to my room and we had reading, singing and prayer together. He left crying, asking me to pray for him.

I have been suffering from 'sicuticair, starting just before Christmas. No one asked me to have a meal with them, and one Indian gave me only two shillings. I felt like Paul who said to the Corinthians, the more I love you the less I am loved. Being a believer in fasting and prayer that helped me to decide to do so. This is my eleventh day without food, and I am getting on well, yet not because I cannot get food, for my heavenly Father still supplies my needs, but my main motive is for health and to get nearer to God for greater power to do greater work for the extension of Christ's kingdom day by day. We see the days of Sodom are here and the churches are conforming more and more to the world and heading for the rocks. Praise the Lord for all who are born into the Church of God, free from all sects and are anchored fast in the Rock Christ Jesus, so we from heart knowledge can say, blessed assurance Jesus is mine. I pray that with this new year new visions and new victories will be given to many, so that precious souls will be born again to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Amen.

Dear Bro., I pray that God will bless your work and give you grace to send forth the pure gospel. With love to Sister Pruitt, family and saints, I am your Bro. in Christ,  
— C. H. Sperber.

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Cleveland, Tenn. —Bro. Pruitt and all the saints abroad: I can praise God this morning for salvation. I have been saved only a short while and count myself only one of the smallest of God's children, but I'm praying and ask the prayers of all of God's children that I may grow in God's grace, so I may be a bright and shining light here in this sin-cursed world. I am sure we are nearing His coming and I want to be robed and ready to meet Him.

What few tracts that I have been able to get and the little paper, have been a help to me and food to my soul. Let us all pray for each other.

Your Bro. in Christ, — Frank Knittel.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear Ones: I feel like telling what the Lord has been doing for me. He en-

courages my heart to continue to live for Him. I am in the Bible way to stay by the grace of God. No other way looks like the Bible way.

Sometimes when the Lord calls us to prayer He has something to tell us, then again He has a blessing for us. I am glad I am willing to obey His precious Word. I like to pray to Him and He talks to me. Praise His name. He is my Savior and my Keeper, and heals me when I am sick. He is a wonderful Savior; I feel that I want to do more for the Lord.

Dear ones, I need your prayers, so that I may be more faithful. He said He was coming after His faithful few. I want to be numbered with those who are faithful. I am glad that I can report victory over the powers of the enemy who is busy seeking whom he may devour. Your Sister in Christ, —Anna Wiley.

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Loranger, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus' name. May heaven's rich blessings be upon you.

I have been thinking I would write ever since you were down here. I want to say that I enjoyed meeting you and the brethren. I love the real saints of God, and the Word preached as it is without respect of persons. If there are those professing at meeting, I love the Word preached as it is, not withheld or being afraid of offending some one. You know I'm afraid some of the ministers are afraid of offending some one professing in their congregation. God is not pleased with that. Praise God, the brethren at the Christmas meeting preached the Word straight and I am sure all the real saints enjoyed it. I trust the Lord will permit you all to come again.

I have had two sick spells since I saw you, but praise God, He is a present help in every time of need. Oh, it is wonderful to trust God. Anything short of real trust is not pleasing to our God. The prayer of faith will heal the sick, and without faith it is impossible to please Him; all not of faith is sin.

Pray for me that I get closer and learn more how to live for Jesus. Trust you all are well. Your Sister for the whole truth,  
— Mrs. Katherine Simpson.

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## Believe And Live

How well do we remember a long time ago, when Mary, a virgin, brought a child in this world of woe! He was one of rarest blessing, and one of radiant light. His mission was from heaven, and his peace of great delight. He came right down from glory to be

a help to all. He left His richest treasures to save the large, the great and the small. Oh! He's loving, kind and precious; He's all and all to man. No other could take his place on earth, for He alone could stand. He's strong, He's mighty; His arm is outstretched to save, and is not shortened, brother, for you His life He freely gave. His heart is ever longing, that all would come to Him, and live the life He bade them, which we know is free from sin. We need Him every moment while we walk upon this earth. We need His humble spirit, and we need this new birth. The blessing of the Savior is worth far more than gold, and of this heaven's richest treasure in the Bible we are told. We cannot trust ourselves in any sense at all, for in the beginning of the world Satan caused man to fall. From then till now, we need a Guide who will lead us safely through, One who will help us gain that home above and keep us ever true. There is no time for worldly pleasures, nor time for idle talk for our time is very precious; we must needs know how to walk. The world is in great darkness, and surely in distress. How much we need to know God's will, that we might have soul rest. We should study truly of God's own written word, and hide it deep within our hearts, and no other should be heard. Satan sometimes comes to us, as a shining angel of light. Here is where we need to know God's word, that we might answer him aright. Where will we spend eternity if all of life is spent in riot, in pleasure and in drunkenness, for this we ne'er repent? God's Word has plainly spoken, we must be born again, take up our cross each day and humbly follow Him.

— Ethel Lasley.

### Will Jesus Find Faith When He Comes?

Many people are seeking and trying to get well or healed of their sickness and diseases. They spend much money on poison drugs and man-made remedies, and suffer not only from sickness but also the effects of their drugs. Man is trying to help man and many die before their time.

God has a way to heal all kinds of sickness and diseases of the mind and body. God who has made man has provided health and healing in His Word. God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15: 26. He has promised to bless the food we eat and take away sickness and disease. He said, I will restore health unto thee; I will heal thee of thy wounds, for I am the Lord: I change not. (Mal. 3: 6).

When Jesus was upon earth He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," then arise, take up thy bed and walk, and the man was healed as he obeyed the word of Jesus. A certain woman who had an issue of blood twelve years spent all her money, suffered much and grew worse from the disease as well as from the treatments. Following Jesus, she got so close to Him that she with faith touched the hem of His garment and was made whole. Thank God; if you are sick, get right in behind Jesus and live so close that your faith can touch the virtue of Christ and be made whole.

Dear friends, when Jesus died on the cross and made an atonement for all mankind, it was that all might be saved from sin and all should be healed, for "Himself took our infirmities and bear our sicknesses." Matt. 8: 7. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life," and that He came to give life more abundantly. Jesus destroyed sickness and disease because it was the devil's work. (1 John 3: 8). For this purpose was the Son of God manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil. Many people believe God makes them sick and it is His will that they should suffer aches and pains. Not so; God is the giver of that which is good, (James 1: 17) and cannot be the author of sin, sickness and disease. Jesus says in Matt. 7: 11, how much more will your heavenly Father give you the Holy Ghost and good gifts.

While we are on earth we have a power of choice. We are free moral agents. God set before us life and death, blessings and cursings. God says, choose thou life that thou and thy seed shall live. God permits things to come upon people because of their sins and disobedience. God forgave the sinners and healed them. What He did then for men and women on earth, God will also do for you today in Jesus' name. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13: 8. It is God's will to save, cleanse and heal, for Jesus taught that we should pray that God's will be done in earth as it is in heaven. There can be no sin, sickness or unhappiness in heaven, and if God's will was done by us in these earthly bodies we would have better health, pure hearts and lives. Peace, happiness and divine healing are obtained by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to God's Word. Faith in God will bring results, believing and putting in practise God's Word. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by God's Word. Many deny divine healing in the atonement. They are deceived by the enemy who opposes divine healing. Jesus sent forth His apostles to preach the Word and lay hands on the

sick that they might recover. There are four ways to approach God for healing after a person repents and accepts Christ as their Savior, surrendering their life to do His will. Then he can ask God in Jesus' name for healing, believing for it. If we ask anything in His name it shall be done. Jesus said, if two of you agree as touching anything on earth, it shall be done. This is done by the united prayer of two Christians.

May God help people to repent of sins, become a Christian and trust God for healing. You must be willing to meet God's conditions; lay aside drugs, doctors, remedies and anything you depend on, and surrender your spirit, soul and body to God. When you pray or be prayed for, depend upon God to hear and answer in Jesus' name. Take deliverance by faith and see yourself made well by the power of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, looking to God alone, resisting the devil's suggestions, doubts or fears. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is and a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Amen.

— T. J. Davis.

### Sanctification-What is it?

"The act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love of God." "Sanctify" means "to make holy or free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution." "Sanctifying" means "making holy, purifying from the defilement of sin." (Webster). "Sanctification" in Encyclopedia Britanica means "cleansing of the heart by the Holy Ghost of those who are already in Christ by faith."

The sin we are cleansed from in sanctification is in the singular and means the nature or condition of the heart after the fall of Adam and as a result of the fall which was transmitted to Adam's posterity.

Now God created Adam in his own likeness, which was purity and holiness, but he lost that likeness when he fell and instead, took upon himself a sinful likeness. Then he begat a son (Seth) in his (Adam's) sinful likeness. (Gen. 5: 3- 9). This sin principle is what Paul calls "the old man, carnal nature" etc., because it originated in the fall, and is the cause of actual transgressions. (Psa. 32: 5). "Purge" in St. John 15: 2 means "to cleanse or purify from moral impurities."

Who is the sanctifier? The Holy Ghost. (Rom. 15: 15, 16). What then is his office work? To sanctify, to cleanse, to purify, to purge, to make holy.

What is justification? The remission of sins or our actual transgressions, and absolution from guilt and punishment or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous on account of the atonement of Christ. How are men justified? By repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. What is repentance? The turning of a sinner in heart and practice from what is forbidden in the Word of God to what is commanded in the same Word of God. What is conversion? It means a change of heart, a change from nature to grace and a change of belief. This change is manifested by our fruits, our actions, our talk and dealings.

How are we sanctified? By consecration and faith in the blood of Christ which will do it for us. Is sanctification a second definite work of grace? That is, is it subsequent to justification? The following examples will prove this to every honest soul.

The Samaritians were converted under Phillip's teaching. (Acts 8: 5- 12). They were sanctified under Peter and John's teaching. (Acts 8: 14- 16). Cornelius also was, no doubt, converted under Phillip's teaching. (Acts 8: 40). He was sanctified under Peter. (Acts 10: 34- 48). The Ephesians were converted under Apollos. (Acts 18: 24 -28). They were sanctified under Paul's teaching. (Acts 19: 6, 7). The apostles were converted under Christ. (Matt. 19: 28 and Luke 10: 20). They were sanctified on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2: 1- 5 and Rom. 15: 16).

The Thessalonians were saved. (1 Thess. 1: 1- 4). Afterwards Paul exhorted them to go on and be established in holiness. (1 Thess. 3: 13). Then he teaches them God's will, (1 Thess. 4: 3) and tells them how to consecrate to obtain it. (1 Thess. 5: 14 to 24). The Hebrews were saved. (Heb. 3: 1; 6: 1, 2; and 12: 14, 15). Paul exhorts them to look diligently, lest any man fall, lest any root of bitterness spring up. Then Paul tells them how to get rid of it. (Heb. 13: 10- 13). It makes us ONE so that God is not ashamed of us. (Heb. 2: 11). We are sealed after we believe with the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1: 13). It is a cleansing because it is performed in conjunction with the blood and the word. (Heb. 13: 12 and Eph. 5: 26). It brings unity. (St. John 17: 17- 22). We see by the Ephesian letter in chapter 5 that they were saved, but Christ wanted and still wants the church to be sanctified, which also affects the body indirectly. (1 Thess. 5: 23 and 2 Cor. 7: 1). In the Corinthian church some were saved, others saved and sanctified, and he exhorts them who were not to go on to perfection. 2 Cor. 13: 11 and Heb. 6: 1, tells them how to conse-

crate. Rom. 12: 1 and Heb. 12: 1.

Since writing the above, I feel impressed to make it a little more clear to the mind of our readers that New Testament sanctification is for justified people only. "Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (Jno. 14: 17). They must be sons of God, born again. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (Jno. 1: 12, 13). In other words, people must be converted to God, born again, or regenerated, which means one and the same thing.

Again: "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me \*\*\* sanctify them." (Jno. 17: 9-17). They were children of God. Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it. (Eph. 5: 25, 26). It was to the brethren at Thessalonica, to those who were "in the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 1: 1) that Paul wrote when he said, "It is the will of God, even your sanctification," (1 Thess. 4: 3) and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. (Chapter 5: 23). "Brethren" are the ones who receive an inheritance among them which are sanctified. (Acts 20: 32 and 26: 18).

The above scriptures prove sanctification to be a second work of grace, because of the twofoldness of sin which exists in the unregenerate heart, actual and inherent. There must of necessity be a two-fold redemption. There is a sin principle which we receive through natural generation and there are willful acts which we commit by consent of our own will. We are not responsible for the evil nature we inherit, but we are responsible for our own sinful acts. Repentance can apply only to those acts of wrong committed later by consent of our own will. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3: 2:).

Now concerning inherent sin, Psa. 32: 5: "I acknowledge my sin unto thee and mine iniquity have I not hid \*\*\* and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." "The wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Psa. 58: 3). And again, "I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51: 5). These and many other scriptures show that man from his birth has an evil disposition in him; "All by nature the children of wrath." (Eph. 2: 3). In Rom. 7 Paul

said, "I was alive without the law once," speaking of his experience as an infant when he had no knowledge of God's law. Although he was "alive without the law," he had something in him he calls sin, "Without the law sin was dead." Later "when the commandment came" to his understanding, and he transgressed it, then he says, "sin revived and I died." He became "dead in trespasses and in sins." (Eph. 2: 1). The sin that existed in him by nature while he was ignorant and innocent, afterward manifested itself in outward works of actual sin, for which he was responsible.

Our fore-parents fell from their lofty estate of holiness and thus plunged the whole world in sin, so every one born in the world has this sin principle. Though perfectly innocent, we are one degree below the line of perfect holiness. Then when we come to the age of moral responsibility and commit actual or willful sins, we are another degree lower, so that we are two steps below the original plane of holiness. As we are two steps down, it will take two steps to get back to the original plane of holiness, so the last step down (actual transgressions) is the first step back. Let the wicked forsake his way, etc. (Isa. 55: 7). When sins are repented of, we are converted and are in the baby state, yet one step below the original holiness. We are called babes, (1 Peter 2: 2, 1 Cor. 3: 1-3) possessing the carnal mind or old man or that plant that my heavenly Father hath not planted, that which the Holy Ghost will destroy, the result of which will restore our soul, and spiritually speaking, put us back on the plane from which man fell.

— G. E. Harmon.

## Start A Revival

Mr. Moody used to tell an experience. The story is somewhat as follows:

"The first time I was ever in a real revival, I was invited to a little town in Michigan. A minister who was a perfect stranger to me met me at the depot and took me to his house to dinner. After dinner he took me out to a meeting. There were about twenty-five women on their knees, weeping, and praying to God to bless their unconverted children and husbands. It seemed as if I were at the very gate of heaven.

"Then he took me off to the other end of the town to introduce me to an old elder who was dying of consumption. When he knew he was to die, he realized that he had not been a faithful steward. He saw he

must soon give account to God for his stewardship. There was not a young person in that congregation that was a member of the church. There was not one of the sons or daughters of the officers and elders, that was a member of the church.

“There had not been a revival there for many years. He was soon to stand before God, and he began to pray. He got himself revived first. That is the first thing to do, begin with ourselves. If we want fresh interest in our churches we must begin with ourselves. Let us pray God to revive our own hearts first. Well, he got quickened. Then he sent for his brother elders, and for the male population of the church and talked to them. They had all become so discouraged that they said it was no use. Then he called for the women of the church and pleaded with them to meet and pray God to revive the work, and they had been doing that for two weeks when I got there.

“That night I preached apparently against the air. There were no signs of power or spiritual life. But at midnight, a boy came down stairs to his father, and said, ‘Father, I want you to pray for me.’ The father said he could not pray. He didn’t sleep any that night. Th next morning he came to the prayer meeting, and said he wanted us to pray for him. Think of it, a father, who was a professing Christian, but could not pray for his own son who was weeping over his sins! Inside of twenty-four hours there was not a young person over twelve years of age, whose parents were connected with that church, that did not give good evidence of being converted. God came suddenly to His temple, and there was a mighty work, the grandest I have ever seen. The work was revived when the church began to pray to God to revive the church.”

“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us” (Psa. 62: 5, 8). “For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.” (Psa. 74: 12). — Sel.

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## Hidden Treasures

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When Jesus was upon earth, He told the people about the kingdom of heaven, and what it was likened unto. He said, “The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchantman, who

sought after rich pearls: (and when he found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” (Matt. 13: 44, 45, 46) When Jesus came from heaven to earth, He brought the kingdom of heaven with Him: that is why the angels of heaven came to earth, singing, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men.” Through Christ, all the treasures of heaven are revealed to man, “that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love and unto all riches in the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Col. 2: 2, 3.

It seems, to find these treasures of the Lord, we must seek for them with all of our heart. “My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding, yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding, if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things.” Prov. 2: 1-12.

Some people may seek gold, some may seek silver, some may strive to lay up treasures upon earth; but the one who is wise, will lay up treasures that will never be taken away from them, and such things that will never fade, or pass away out of our possession. How happy will we be, if at the Lord’s appearing, all our earthly treasures take wings and fly away, and we are left empty handed, barren, and naked? How foolish we will see that we have been by neglecting to seek for the hidden treasures, that the Word of God so plainly tells us about; and advises that we should seek for it with all of the heart. God Himself is one of the hidden treasures. “Verily, thou art a God that hideth thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior.” Isa. 45: 15.

Why has God hidden Himself from the people? We will read why. “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not

shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear. For your hands are filled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." Isa. 59: 1- 4. This is why God has hidden Himself from the people. But God takes pleasure in revealing Himself to those who seek for Him with all the heart in meekness and humility. Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt. 11: 25. "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory." Col. 1: 26, 27. "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God who created all things by Christ Jesus; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." Eph. 3: 9- 12. "When Christ who is our life, shall appear then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3: 3, 4. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2nd Cor. 4: 3, 4.

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honor are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold: and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the paths of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." Prov. 8: 17- 21.

"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity,

and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord: and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive." Jer. 29: 12- 14.

Our hearts can be filled with heaven's treasures, providing we seek God until we find Him; but those that don't love Jesus with a pure heart, having their hearts filled with the treasures and pleasures of this world, will come far short of the glory of God. These things will never satisfy the longing of the soul; only Jesus can satisfy our never-dying soul, and give us peace, rest and joy everlasting. — I. Edith Kriebel

## I Thank You, Lord

I thank you, Lord, for heavy blows  
Of sorrow and of pain;  
That drive me back from perilous ways,  
Into harmony once again:  
For stinging whips of cold and hunger,  
For trouble's hand to feel and see;  
Of easy slippery paths of danger,  
That draws me gloriously close to Thee.

I thank you, Lord, for the narrow road,  
All sharp with rocks and thorns;  
Though I falter 'neath the heavy load  
So tempest tossed, all dark with storms,  
That lessons bright I will ever keep;  
They give me strength and courage strong,  
And feel You very close to me.

I thank you, Lord, for mistakes made,  
Rebukes and for thy chastening rod;  
For lessons learned and so dearly paid—  
It makes you more of a father, God:  
For disillusion that cleared my sight,  
For my faults and weaknesses, give me  
Such rapture and keen delight,  
To overcome them all for Thee.

I thank you, Lord, for the devil's wiles,  
His crafty snares and slippery way,  
His clever plots and worldly smiles;  
The harder he crowds me night and day,  
The more his plots and plans and snares:  
The more he traps and plans for me,  
The more he howls and rages and raves—  
It draws me more closer, Lord, to Thee.

— Mrs. Sylvia Brummett,