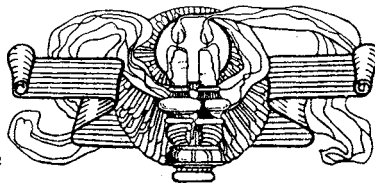


# Faith and Victory

Volume 7.  
Number 8.

God is  
Love.



Jesus  
Saves.

GUTHRIE, OKLA.  
November 1931.

## Christ Our Refuge

Like Noah's dove that left the ark,  
I wandered to and fro,  
No place to rest my weary feet;  
I knew not where to go.  
Above, the clouds would gather dark;  
Below, the waters roll;  
I longed to find a place to rest  
My weary storm-tossed soul.

Then love divine, the sinner's friend,  
That great and loving heart,  
Beheld my helpless, lost estate  
And opened wide the ark.  
I entered, and the love of God  
In mercy shut me in;  
Yes, hid away with Christ in God,  
My soul redeemed from sin.

I've folded now my weary wings,  
To rest in love's embrace;  
I wear her token in my breast—  
The olive-branch of peace.  
The bow of promise in the sky  
Sheds rays of hope divine;  
He does the keeping, I but trust;  
I'm his and he is mine.  
— Lucy M. Lewis.

## Hearing The Father's Word

All true obedience and service begins in readiness to listen to the voice of God. Unwillingness to hear that voice naturally results in turning a deaf ear to Him who speaks from heaven, and finally to disobedience. Our Lord's obedience to the Father's voice was unmistakable. Well might the prophet's words be applied to Him: "He wakeneth me morning by morning. He wakeneth mine ear to hear as those that are taught. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I

was not rebellious, neither turned away backward." (Isa. 1: 4, 5). "As I hear I judge," said Jesus. "All that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you" (15: 15). His ear was ever open to hear the Father's voice; and with Him to hear was to obey.

His obedience was further shown in speech and action. The obedient child and servant will not oppose his wise and loving Father and Master either in word or deed. Thus we find the perfect Son ever speaking those words which are well pleasing to the Father, and doing those works which the Father gave Him to do. "I speak that which I have seen with My Father" (St. John 8: 38); "The word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me" (14: 24). For all His teaching, therefore, our Lord claims divine authority. His word and the Father's word are ever the same; between them there is perfect assonance, without suspicion of discordance. And it was equally so with the Son's activity. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5. 17); "The works which I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me" (John 10: 25); "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not" (John 10: 25); "The works which the Father hath given Me to finish," etc. (ver. 36). Nothing could be more plain than the claim Jesus makes to be in accord in all things with His heavenly Father in word and work. Even in His state of humiliation, when He appeared in the form of a servant, as the willing and obedient Son, there was complete unity and concord with the eternal Father. And this is still more strikingly displayed in His—

*Trustfulness in enduring.* The way of sorrow and the cross of shame were surely a wonderful test of our Lord's obedience, of His determination not to seek His own will, but that of His Father! He was despised and rejected even of those whom He came to redeem. He permitted Himself to be betrayed, by one who had companied with Him, into the hands of wicked men. "He gave His back to the smiters"; "hid not His face from shame and spitting"; and when He died on the cross, a voluntary sufferer, He endured for an awful moment the sense of loneliness

as the bearer of the world's sin. Yet not for one moment did He "turn backward." "I have a baptism to be baptised with," etc. (Luke 12: 50); "The cup which My Father hath given Me," etc. (18: 1- 8). And in all those sufferings, in which "He was obedient unto death," did His trust in the Father's love for one moment waver? "I know that Thou hearest Me always" (John 11: 42). Often all night in prayer He strengthened Himself by communion for His arduous work, and came forth to conquer and declare: "I know that I shall not be ashamed"; "He is near that justifieth Me"; "Behold, the Lord God will help Me."

— W. Frank Scott.

## "Thou Shalt Rebuke Thy Neighbor"

To rebuke is to chide or check, or reprimand. We read in Lev. 19:17, 18: "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord."

When we consider the character of God, his holiness, his wrath toward the wicked, and that no unclean person can tarry in his sight. We will read it now in the Psalms 101: "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house; he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight" (verse 7). When we consider His purity, His holiness and the wonderful atonement He has made that all should be made pure in heart and life, clean and redeemed, we see how necessary it is that we should cry aloud and spare not, so that sinners will forsake their sins, repent and turn to God with all their heart and soul, and serve God in holiness.

How it should stir our souls when we see the people dying on the right hand and on the left without the knowledge of God, no Christ-like life, yet professing to be a Christian.

If we rebuke in the fear of God and do our duty as faithful Nathan did to King David, then God is pleased with us as He was with him. God has a chance to speak through us when we reprove sinners, or those professing to be Christians. If we reprove those in sin, there will be a spiritual wall raised up between us and them. "Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate thee: reprove a wise man, and he will love thee." Prov. 9: 8. (American Standard Version) We see by this that the Holy Spirit should direct us in reprovng. To reprove some persons it is like casting our pearls before swine,

and they turn upon us and rend us, as the Word says. A righteous rebuke will sever a fellowship with sinners, or worldly professors, and we will not be a participator in their evil deeds. Our leaving sinning professors is a rebuke to them, and it is just what God tells His people to do in Rev. 18: 4: "I heard another voice from heaven, saying: come ye out of her, my people; that ye may not participate in her sins, and may not partake of her plagues."

If we neglect to warn the righteous, when we see that it is needed, then we fail to let God speak through us, and if we are not careful we will begin to fellowship that spirit that is in the wrong-doer instead of keeping in the Spirit of God and enjoying God's fellowship. The Word says, "Strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." It does not mean that we should hush up and keep silent, lest we disturb the Holy Spirit. No, if we hush up, then when sin is on hand and we fellowship sinners, then God is dishonored, and we become partakers of their sins. If we do, we'll fellowship a religious ungodly spirit that is of this world.

Being called a saint will never make us saintly; being called Church of God will never make us the Church of God, for many that are in sin call themselves Church of God today. But only those who have been cleansed from sin, and have God's Holy Spirit ruling and operating in their heart will He claim when He comes to make us His jewels.

How people can claim to be children of God, and care so little about glorifying God, as to come forth with the attire of this ungodly fashionable dress, decked with gold, pearls and nude fashions of today, sleeveless, stockingless, and cut so low in the neck that it is a sin and disgrace in the sight of God; yet they think that they are in the right way and are God's people.

The real meaning of Church of God is God's called out ones from sin and evil of all kinds; these are His redeemed ones. What are they called out from except sin and sinners, and made pure and clean through the atoning blood of Christ? If they remain so, by the indwelling Holy Spirit, they continue to be the Church of God. Without Christ, there is no abiding in the Church of God.

When will people learn to humble themselves, and let God have His way with them so that their lives will be a light in this world?

Surely, if the Holy Spirit of God is within us, it will reprove those in sin and unrighteousness, for He will not hold His peace when sin is on hand, and people are dying without God; yet, thinking that

God will be merciful to them because they have a name to live.

Let us be careful lest we quench the Holy Spirit and deceive ourselves. Thinking that we are endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace by not reproving. — I. Edith Kriebel.

## The Secret Of Success-- THE BIBLE

Last time I was speaking to you about the secret of success in a general way. I would like to tell you about the various constituents which go to constitute towards the secret of success. In this article I am confining myself to the prime constituent of the secret of success.

The Bible contributes a great deal towards one's success. The highest success cannot be achieved without it. If we go through the lives of the successful men of our country we can clearly see that they accomplished their purpose on principles derived from the Bible.

The Bible is a book of real genius, worldly wisdom, and pure morality, and surpasses anything to be found in the whole range of human learning. It is absolutely a perfect rule of conduct for men, young or old, learned or ignorant, civilized or savage, Christian or heathen.

I desire to recommend the Bible to the young generation as a book to help them in becoming "the artificers of their own fortunes". It is an aid to self-culture, to intellectual progress, to the acquisition of knowledge, and to the advancement of learning. It is a field of knowledge, a mind of wisdom, a model of eloquence, a master-piece of prose, a fountain of influence, and a text book of instruction.

The best scholars of all ages agree to the fact, that the Bible is the best of all literary productions. It is ranked as a classic. It is a greater classic than Homer or Virgil, Xenophon or Cicero, Milton or Addison.

It is the book which has been translated into nearly 200 languages, and about which the aroused intellects of men have written sixty thousand volumes.

Many of the younger generation think of the Bible, as having only to do with piety and Sunday. Let me recommend the Bible to the younger generation, as a book which, more than all other books, will contribute the noblest manhood or womanhood and to the highest success.

Yours in Christian service, — K.C. Abraham.  
(Son of Bro. Cherian in India.)

## "And A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

A woman in a rich Philadelphia home was truly converted. She read her Bible daily and earnestly sought to rear her only child in the fear of God. Her husband was much opposed to *her* religion, as he called it. But the wife was steadfast, and kept saved till the Lord took her home. Before dying, she gave her Bible to the daughter, with the parting admonition to read it daily. This little girl missed her mother very much, but found much consolation in praying and reading her precious Bible. Her father one day found her singing and reading the Bible; he became very angry and said: "I love you, but I hate God, his salvation, and his Bible. You must choose between me and God. I will give you till tomorrow morning to decide. If you give up God and religion, you may have all the comforts of life and be happy in this home; but if you choose to love your God and serve him, you must leave this home forever."

The daughter with many tears, sought comfort from her God. While in earnest prayer, these words came to her: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." This encouraging promise from God cheered her and helped make her decision. When morning came, she told her father that while she loved him dearly, she had decided to be true to God. Her father in anger opened the door and told her to be gone. With a sad heart the girl walked from her home, but in this hour of disappointment and hardship she was comforted by the presence of the Spirit of God. A little way from the house she left the walk and knelt in prayer in a clump of shrubbery, pouring out her soul to God and asking him to soften her father's heart.

As the father slammed the door after his child's exit, he became troubled. As he began to realize what he had done, his heart began to throb, and his nerves to twitch. "My God!" he said, "have I driven my own flesh and blood from my door out into a cold and friendless world?" He started out in search of her and endeavored to overtake her and bring her back. As he hastily made his way to the street, he was startled by hearing a sweet but plaintive voice coming from the bushes. He stopped, and what he heard pierced him to his inmost soul. It was the fervent prayer of his daughter in behalf of her father that he might repent and be saved. With a cry he darted into the bushes and there begged his child's forgiveness and welcomed her home again. Through this girl's faithfulness her father was converted. — F. E. Wallace.

## "FAITH AND VICTORY"

This paper is edited and published each month (except August of each year which is Camp-meeting month and we omit this month to attend these meetings) by Fred Pruitt, assisted by Mary A. Pruitt, and other consecrated workers at Faith Publishing House, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

Entered as second-class matter June 10, 1930 at the post office at Guthrie, Oklahoma under the Act of March 3, 1879.

### SUBSCRIPTION PRICES

The "Faith and Victory" paper will be sent one whole year to any address for twenty-five cents. A roll of five papers will be sent each month to any address for one whole year for one dollar, or a roll of twelve papers will be sent each month to any address for a whole year for two dollars. If you send in a list of ten different addresses, the paper will be sent a whole year to all of them for two dollars.

A complete religious paper printed and sent out every month in the year except August in the interest of all Christians. It teaches salvation from sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17: 21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John and Paul preached, taught and practiced, including the Divine healing of the body. Jas. 5: 14, 15

Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. Read Exodus 25: 2; 1 Chronicles 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord and used in the furtherance of the gospel work as God directs. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Fred Pruitt or to Faith Publishing House.

"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear,  
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth not."



FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE.

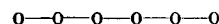
920 W. MANSUR ST. GUTHRIE, OKLA.

Phone No. 1523-J.

U. S. A.

### Editorials

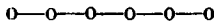
We are a little later in the month than usual in getting the November paper printed and in the mails. This was caused by having so much work on hands, as we have been printing two thousand song books for Bro. J. T. Cullor. We have them finished now and will send them to any address at 25 cents each post-paid. It is a 176-page book containing 155 songs, many of which are old familiar hymns. Is small in size and neatly paper bound with durable cover. It's a word edition entitled, "Select Songs." Order one of these books; you will be pleased with it. We predict a large sale of these books as we are confident that it will please. You will find ad elsewhere in this paper.



We are much encouraged in the work of the Lord, in printing and sending forth the truth of the Bible. There are many souls being reached and blessed by the truth. The burden of our hearts is to get them in touch with Christ, so we labor on giving God the glory for all that He makes us able to do. People need the clear plain truth of the Bible more than anything else. Some will get offended at the plain truth; they want the corners rounded with smooth sayings that will permit them to go on in their carnal ways. People who hear the plain truth and begin to measure to it will get a good experience with the Lord; but the truth sugar-coated and fixed up will only get a soul into a deception, and they will be weak and faltering and without a clear conception of what Christ really is.

The *Faith and Victory* stands for the clear-cut Bible truth that frees men and women from sin and all condemnation. Jesus Christ was very plain in teaching and giving out truth. Many were offended, but He said, "My Father works, hitherto and I work. I do always those things that please the Father." The world is in a deplorable condition and much of it is caused by compromising preachers—those who are afraid to tell the truth for fear that some one will get hurt or offended. Paul so fully and clearly taught the truth that He could truthfully say, "My hands are clean from the blood of all men." There were many that got hurt and offended at his preaching, and would have slain him if God had not protected him, and yet they were people that claimed to believe in God. Brethren, let us be bold to declare the plain simple truth of the Bible; always with a heart filled with holy love, with a tender care for every soul, whether they be friend or foe.

Grandma Spradling, the aged saint whom we have been keeping, is out of funds. We pay the lady for keeping her every fifteen days and the first of Nov. we lacked nearly twelve dollars of having enough to pay for her keep. Grandma has not much mind any more and is a great care; she will play with a doll as though she was a little child. The lady that keeps her is very kind to her and is giving her good care. Grandma is a deserving saint, as she lived for God and ministered unto the needs of many while she was able and in her right mind. We are sure that you will please God in giving means for her keep. It is quite a burden to look after her; but I would not want to see her go to the poor house any more than I would want to see my own mother go there. Those who haven't any means to send, pray that God will in some way supply her.



Bro. Roberts, Bro. Strech and Bro. Ostis Wilson Jr. are holding a meeting at Anthony, Kansas. Bro. Roberts stopped with us a little while on his way back to Anthony from Oklahoma City. He says the meeting is going on nicely, and also he is encouraged in the work at Oklahoma City, as the Lord is blessing there and adding to the numbers.

IN MEMORY OF  
**D. L. Connelly**

O our Brother! you have gone  
From us to the Spirit-land;  
We fail to find one fitly left,  
In your stately place to stand.

Inspired may some one be  
To emulate thy life of love,  
Made possible by God's Son  
Who came to earth from above.

Heaven on earth all through  
Thy life did ever shine,  
Helping holy Christian pilgrims  
To God's fullness of life divine.

Thy character a monument stands,  
Pointing souls to the City celestial;  
Making attractive the way Home  
From this old world terrestrial.

— L. D. PRUITT.

## Obituary

Darwin Louis Connelly was born at Tallyrand, Keokuk county, Iowa, April 6, 1862; died at Cushing,

Okla., Sept. 14, 1931; age, 69 years, 5 months and 8 days.

He lived in the vicinity of his birth until, at the age of 20 years, with his mother and brother he removed to South Dakota where they took up pioneer life near Groton. Leaving Dakota after a residence there of seventeen years, he came to Cushing, Okla. where he had since lived except for an interval of about five years spent in Oregon and at Claremore, Okla. During this time he was engaged in various occupations until about five years ago when he retired from active labor. He had been in failing health for several years and was a great sufferer but bore his affliction with wonderful patience and fortitude, being strengthened by the Spirit in the inner man (Eph. 3: 16).

Converted at the age of 13 years, his whole hope and trust were in the Lord, and his life was spent in the Master's service. His last conscious moments were spent calling upon the Lord and singing His praise.

He was united in marriage at Cushing, Okla., July 31, 1906 with Elsie F. Fry who, with his brother, J. G. Connelly, survives him.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by Bro. T. W. Albertson who spoke from the texts: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath thee are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33: 27) and St. John 10: 27- 30; —texts selected by the deceased before his death. Hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee," also by request, were used in the service. Interment was made in New Zion Cemetery by the side of his mother who preceded him in death several years ago.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psa. 116: 15).

In life he sought refuge  
In the eternal God,  
And though his worn-out shell  
Now lies beneath the sod,

The everlasting arms  
Have borne his spirit far—  
To that eternal home  
Where all the blessed are.

"Nearer my God to Thee,"  
On earth this was his song;  
Now nearer God he'll be  
Through all the ages long.  
— DON MOON.

### "The Farm Home" For Sale

"The Farm Home" is the title of a book written by Marie Pauline Sass, Haigler, Nebr. It is cloth bound with large clear print; will be very interesting to you and to your boy or girl. Send to the above address for this book. She will postpay them to you for 75 cents each.

### A Special Offer Until Dec. The 10th

Send us four subscriptions at 25 cents each for *Faith and Victory* paper and we will mail you a 48 page booklet entitled, "How Do I Look?" written by Elsie F. Connelly. This book is neatly paper bound, and is the best Biblical exposition on the dress subject that has ever come to my notice. We have secured several copies of this booklet from Sister Elsie F. Connelly, Box 1112, Cushing, Okla. She has some left and sends them out to all who wants them on the free-will offering plan. If you send the *Faith and Victory* paper to your friend or neighbor, it may mean his salvation before the year expires. Any way, you will be pleasing God in spreading the truth to needy souls. You ought to do something toward rescuing the lost. You should have this little book; it will give you spiritual understanding upon this much-discussed subject. It would please me much if every reader could read this little book; it is so plain and clear. We want you to get this book whether you send in subscriptions or not.

### Assembly Meeting Notice

Bro. L. A. Hoops of Payne, Ohio writes us that they will have an Assembly Meeting there for one week and a revival to follow the Assembly. The saints at that place extend a hearty welcome to all of God's dear children scattered everywhere and urge all to attend all the meetings, especially the Assembly Meeting which begins on the 22nd of Nov. For particulars, write to Bro. Hoops, R. 1, Payne, Ohio.

### NOTICE

To the saints that live in Fayette, Franklin, Union, Wayne, or the east parts of Henry and Rush counties, Indiana: I will be pleased to hear from you regarding the matter of our trying to make arrangements to get together occasionally and have worship. I believe that the time is at hand for the scattered sheep (there are a few left that the wolves did not de-

vor) to get in touch with one another and feed on good pasture. Be workers together with God, etc. I feel rather lonesome sometimes, don't you? Yours in Christ, — C. S. Wyatt, 829 Walnut St., Connersville, Indiana.

### "SELECT SONGS" For Sale

A new song book just off the press! It is a word edition and contains 155 songs, many of which are old familiar songs, and very likely your old favorite song is in this book. It has 176 pages, neatly paper bound, and we will postpay them to you at 25 cents each, twenty or more at 20 cents each, fifty or more at 18 cents each. This is a handy little book as you can slip it into your pocket. This book entitled, "Select Songs", has a few of the latest best songs. Send your orders to J. T. Cullor, Unionville, Mo. or to Faith Publishing House, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

Terlton, Okla. — Dear Bro. in Christ: I am writing to you to ask for prayer for my daughter through the paper. She is real sick, and has been for two years with T. B. She is wanting the saints to pray that the good Lord will heal her if it be His holy will.

Enclosed you will find 25 cents for the paper. Yours in Christ, — W. S. Shambra

### Report Of Campmeeting

Dear saints scattered abroad: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. I feel that it would be to the glory of God to make mention of a glorious meeting (began Sept. 25) held at Salt Creek near Mannford, Okla.. It was a wonderful meeting and a blessed harvesting of souls. The gospel was preached in its fullness which brought conviction on many, and 17 souls were saved—a real old-time camp-meeting composed of some of the old-time ministers. I feel like naming some of them, as so much power was manifested. Father and mother G. W. Winn, Bro. H. Robinson, Bro. Ulysses Philips, and Bro R. Johnson.

Yours in Christ, — B. J. Douglas.

We had a glorious meeting at Salt Creek. Saints of the most High, look and live for the Lord is on our side. Stand firm and true and seek to do your best on all lines. On the last day of the feast as we marched around the wall at the command of our Good Shepherd the wall fell and the saints shouted for joy. Truly I am glad for the way, for it is a way that is free

from sin. Children, be of good cheer for the victory is truly ours.

Saints, let us show to the world the oneness of God's people; one in mind, one in spirit, one in doctrine, one in faith, one in love—last but not least—love is the bond of perfection. Little children, love ye one another. Finally brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you. — Wm. Reed

## Church Government

By S. M. ROBERTS, *Part One*

“Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end. Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom; to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isa. 9: 7) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” (Isa. 9: 6).

### GOVERNMENT

The government shall be upon His shoulder. The infinite mind of God readily saw that the little finite mind of man could not rule and govern the Church of the living God, so He put the government or placed the government upon the shoulder of Jesus Christ, the one who had conquered the world, who had conquered sin and the enemy of all righteousness: had also broken the bands and straps of death and the tomb, and came out the third day after His crucifixion victorious over everything. His infinite mind is governed by love. He has no human propensities to overcome, no weaknesses or affected in any way from indulgences; never transgressed his Father's law, and never broke the least of His commandments but proved Himself an efficient, capable, qualified ruler worthy to be the King of saints.

Now there is one way to eliminate trouble or rather have no trouble in and among our congregations and in the ministry of the Church of the living God, and that is to leave the government where God placed it—upon the shoulder of Jesus Christ.

### BY THE WORD

This glorious Church and reformation work was governed exclusively and absolute by the dictations of the Holy Spirit for 270 years, marking from the time Jesus started his ministry or rather established the Church on Pentecost. The Holy Ghost had full

control in every respect in the teaching of the word of God, in straightening difficulties, in calling and qualifying the ministry. They had no need, then, of a college or a Bible school, for God called and qualified a humble ministry who were willing to let the Holy Spirit completely rule. They dwelt in loving fellowship. They lived in the bond of love. They endeavored to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, for they realized and knew that there was but one God, one Father, one Spirit, and one doctrine.

Oh! for a ministry! A humble ministry, a spirit-filled ministry, a baptized ministry, drinking into one Spirit, preaching one doctrine, all speaking the same thing, of the same mind, and the same judgment—with no division among them—growing up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ.

Now, brethren, if there is anything contrary to the New Testament in any way with the saints that would block God's work, that would hold it or frustrate the grace of God in any way, it is the ministry's fault. “And He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ 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. That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” Now He gave the apostles and prophets; in fact, He gave the ministry. He appointed them: yes, He, the Son of God, through the Holy Spirit fully organized the Church, placed the members in the body as it pleased Him. Then, if this ministry stays in the place where they have been placed and speak nothing but the truth in love, then this ministry will grow up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ, and through this will become a perfect MAN.

This ministry was given for the perfecting of the saints, (Eph. 4: 12) and this ministry consists of apostles and prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. This ministry is not complete and is not normal until it qualifies with the Word. It is not complete without the apostles and the prophets as well as the evangelists, pastors and teachers. The prophets are those who, with this gift, are inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit to sound the warning of future distress and trouble to the Church and the ministry, enabling them to avoid certain things which will event-

ually in the future bring in, through letting down certain gaps, the enemy to the truth, such as compromise, fanaticism which, in turn, incorporates thousands of other things that are disastrous to the church.

#### PROPHETS

Then, if there are things that have gotten in among us which are causing trouble, there is one of these three things that is wrong—either we have no prophets or the ministry and the church have failed to listen to them, or the prophets have failed to function as a member of the body.

### THREE THINGS MOST NEEDED

There are three things most needed in a Christian life as he is going forth to fight the good fight of faith, for we are not fighting against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. In the commission that the Lord gave in Mark 16: 15- 18, we see the Lord instructed them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. After the resurrection before sending them out, Jesus gave the last commission or the apostolic commission found in Acts 1: 8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Power for what? Power to witness not only in word but in life—witnessing unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We see that the things that are most needed in the Christian life to be a living witness of the full gospel are: first, the experience of regeneration, termed the new birth (John 3: 3), second, the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 19: 1- 7), third, the word which is the rod of authority; preach the word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine (2 Tim. 4: 23). The Word of God will set people free from sin and lukewarmness. The Holy Spirit works hand in hand with the Word of God, and we cannot separate them. Let us work the works of God. — T. J. Davis

## The Gentile Age

By F. M. Fowler.

(Part 2).

Mr. Rutherford, with his book of deliverance, is about nineteen hundred years behind the times. Christ came to bring deliverance. "That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear in holiness and

righteousness before Him all the days of our life." Luke 1: 74, 75. "Being made free from sin, ye become the servants of righteousness (Rom. 6: 18). But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life (verse 22). And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2: 1). Here were some who were made alive about 64 A. D. They had part in the first resurrection; resurrected from the death of sin to spiritual life in Christ, on such the second death hath no power. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life,"—from spiritual death to spiritual life. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live" (John 5: 24, 25). This voice is the Gospel of the kingdom of God which is to awaken the dead sinner and cause him to feel his need of salvation. Wherefore He saith, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5: 14. The sinner, both Jews and Gentiles, bond and free, rich and poor, can now obtain deliverance by repenting of their sins and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. No future time is promised; now is the accepted time. The devil well knows that the end of time is near, and he is now making a desperate effort through his transformed ministers to deceive the nations. He is now gathering his anti-Christ forces together against the Word of God; he denies the immortality of the soul, and the eternal punishment of the wicked. They say, not many shall be lost, for all will have a future opportunity of deliverance. Some of these deceivers claim the Gentile age ended in 1914, and Christ is now present and setting up His kingdom, and that there are now millions living who will never die a literal death. They are so dead spiritually that they cannot understand God's holy Word. They must be awakened or they will be eternally lost.

We shall now prove these claims false by the word of eternal Truth. First, they deny that man has a soul. "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10: 28). See Luke 12: 4, which statement by Christ Himself is sufficient proof that man is composed of both soul and body. Mr. Rutherford says no man has a soul, but Jesus says he has. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his



own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16: 16. Here is a flat contradiction between our Lord and the man who says man has no soul. Our bodies are mortal and must return to dust from whence it came; our souls are immortal. "And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Not a dead soul, but a living soul that is responsible to his Creator. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." This death took place the very day that Adam transgressed, but he did not die a literal death that day. "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The devil said, "Ye shall not die," disputing God's word, and he and his servants are doing it yet. Literal death was not pronounced on Adam till after his transgression. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." He lived many years after his transgression, and begot children in his own likeness and image, and at last died the literal death. This was not spoken of the soul but of the earthly body. When literal death separates soul and body, the body returns to dust and the soul goes to Paradise, as the case may be, awaiting the final resurrection. We will give Webster's definition of the soul:--the spiritual, rational and immortal substance in man which distinguishes him from brutes; that part of man which enables him to think and reason, and which renders him a subject of moral government. The immortality of the soul is a fundamental article of the Christian system.

Second, he says there is no eternal punishment; it is only death that is the end of the sinner. Hear the Word of the Lord: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25: 46). Everlasting: lasting or enduring forever; eternal, existing or continuing without end; immortal. "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25: 41). Now, if there is eternal life for the righteous (which no one will dispute), then there is eternal punishment for the wicked. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory

of His power (2 Thess. 1: 9). And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Read Mark 9: 43- 48. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Rev. 20: 10). This is to take place at the final judgment where both the righteous and the wicked will be rewarded. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matt. 16: 27). This false prophet says the world reached its end in 1914 and began to pass away, and that there are millions now living that shall never die. His expectation and dreams are but dreams of folly.

---

## Extracts From Our Mails

---

A dear Brother writing from Wisconsin says in part: "Have received the paper, Faith and Victory, and in reading the editorials the dear Lord impressed us to send some means to help the work along. Use five dollars for Grandma Spradling's support and the rest for the Free Literature Fund to spread the truth of the gospel. The open letter on life insurance is so plain that illiterate men should not err therein. We will help pay for it if you will put it in tract form."

You can see by the above extract that this Brother is interested in getting the truth to the souls of men. There are other articles that have been printed in Faith and Victory paper which some have told us that they ought to be in tract form. The Free Literature Fund is for the purpose of printing and sending forth the gospel freely to all who ask for it. By this fund the Faith and Victory paper is sent to many souls, also rolls of papers are sent to penitentiaries, jails, poor farms, alm-houses and hospitals. Good tracts are printed and circulated freely to those prayerfully distributing them, and to all who have not the means to pay, or who may be careless about doing so. People that are in touch with God often hear His voice telling them to do this or that or the other. A few weeks ago we awoke one morning and the Lord began to talk to us about a dear old Brother and his wife who lived nearby. They were desiring to go to a certain meeting which was to be held seventy-five miles from Guthrie. They had no way to go, and the Lord made it plain to us that we should take them.

By inquiry we learned that they were earnestly praying that God would make a way for them to go. God was answering their prayer. God can easily talk to hearts that are fully willing to obey His voice. Some people are willing to do certain things for the Lord, and other things they do not have it in their heart to do, and so God cannot use them for they want to use Him.

\* \* \* \* \*

A Sister in Michigan writes to us and is very much encouraged in working for the Master. She says in part: "Will drop you a few lines tonight and send greetings of holy love. I know God is blessing you with His loving care. I am happy serving the Lord who keeps me body and soul, and helps me to overcome all of Satan's works. Now sister, I am sending an offering and I pray that God bless it as it pleases Him. I am sending some names for you to send the paper." She sent six names for the paper, and prayed that God would bless these people. She has a burden for souls, proving it by her acts. May God bless this devoted heart.

\* \* \* \* \*

A letter from Sister Martin of Tenn. tells us that she is saved, sanctified and has victory over all the power of Satan. She was converted when eighteen years of age and joined the Methodist church, but said she got tired of repenting all the time and began to go off in secret prayer and ask the Lord to help her to live without sinning. The Lord in His mysterious way put a little book into her hand and she received light upon the Word and she never ceased praying until the Lord filled her with the Holy Spirit. She wrote this that others may be encouraged to take hold of the promises of God. She is thankful for the Faith and Victory paper. She also sent one dollar for the paper to be sent to names she enclosed.

\* \* \* \* \*

An encouraging letter comes from Sister Workman of New Jersey. She says in part: "Christian friends, enclosed you will find a check for ten dollars. I believe this will make me a life-time subscriber. I will send in some names and the money for them later on. Please let me know if any of the names sent in before have renewed their subscriptions. If not, I will pay for them again. I do thank God for the many answers to prayer. I have some unspoken requests for prayer." When our efforts put forth encourages others, they in turn encourage us. Yet it is God that is all and in all. Bless His holy name.

Sister Kriebel of California sends in twenty-four names for the paper with means to pay for their subscriptions. She asks God's richest blessings upon the family here at the Office. She is zealous of the cause of Christ and is not laying down the armor because some discourage and others fall away. The righteous always has a High-Tower to run into and be safe.

\* \* \* \* \*

Bro. Bunney of New York writes us an encouraging letter and we will pass a portion of it on to others: "Greetings in Jesus' holy name. We do thank God for His mercy and love. He is so precious in these evil days. I certainly did get a blessing out of this month's (Oct.) paper. It answered what I was going to ask. It is spoken of in the article, "The Gentile Age" written by Bro. Fowler. I do thank God that He has given His dear ones the real way of salvation.

Lately the Holy Spirit is leading me to the colored folks, for whom I have a real love and I do pray God will give me the right message to reach the hearts of those dear ones. I gave them some tracts and the minister asked me for more. He was glad to hear me speak of sanctification. So pray the Lord will use us to His glory. I do believe that the paper is getting better each month; I surely do feel so in my soul. I received the tracts and have been giving them to church folks. I also passed last month's paper to my neighbors. I would like for you to send me some more tracts. You will find names enclosed for new subscribers, also two dollars.

"The enclosed poem, "The Prayer of Faith" gave me a blessing so I send it on."

God is my help in every need,  
 God does my every hunger feed;  
 God walks beside me, guides my way  
 Through every moment of the day.  
 I now am wise, I now am true,  
 Patient, kind and loving too:  
 All things I am, can do and be  
 Through Christ the truth that is in me.

God is my health, I can't keep sick;  
 God is my strength, unfailling quick:  
 God is my all, I know no fear—  
 Since God, love and truth are here.

\* \* \* \* \*

Here is a letter from Cape Town, South Africa and it comes from a Brother appealing for tracts. We will quote from his letter: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. Have been reading some of your tracts, and the one, "Repent and Believe the Gospel" should be in the hands of every sinner. There is a harvest of

souls awaiting to be reaped for the Master. Where are the reapers? The cry today is for workers in the vineyard. Many are called yet few are chosen. Would be thankful for a supply of tracts to be distributed at our open air services which are well-attended. I am attached to a mission in the vilest slums of Cape Town. Have no funds at my disposal. Can use as many tracts as you can send. Will pray God to bless your efforts to preach the gospel by proxy. I enjoy Christian fellowship."

We sent this Brother eight lbs. of tracts. This we were able to do through having the "Free Literature Fund." God will bless those who send to the "Free Literature Fund." It enables us to send tracts to all parts of the world, to places where the gospel could not go unless it was sent free. "Freely ye receive, freely give," so was the teaching of Christ. We feel blessed of God in sending these tracts to this dark place. It may be the means of some poor devil-bound soul being set free by faith in Christ.

\* \* \* \*

Bro. Ball of Pa. writes to encourage our hearts in the work and encloses a check for two subscriptions and additional tracts, and use the balance in the Free Literature Fund. He also gives one dollar for the printing of the tract, "If the Foundations be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?" He notes that this tract is backed up by the Word. There are a few scattered throughout the country that are awake to spiritual things and are laying up treasures in heaven. We are so thankful to God for them.

---

## Faith

---

Faith is the key that opens heaven and lets God's love come down. Faith is the key that opens our hearts where the love of the Lord abounds. Faith is the key into the kingdom of God, and faith we must have to be true. Faith makes us walk where our Savior has trod, and faith is for me and for you. Faith makes us feel that our Savior will shield and hide us from danger and harm. Faith makes us trust Him for whatever we need and faith keeps us safe from alarm.

By faith the blind are restored to their sight, and by faith is the lame made to walk. By faith we are led from darkness into light, and by faith is the dumb made to talk. It was by faith that the Savior was raised from the dead, and by faith was the leprosy cleansed. By faith was the loaves and fishes multiplied, and by faith we get saved from our sins.

Faith runs the engine of God's holy train, and saints are the crew that they need. Faith was Christ's motto while on earth. Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things unseen. We truly believe that which we have never seen.

— Ellen Chandler.

## Perilous Times

---

We read in 2 Tim. 3: 1, "This know also, in the last days perilous times shall come." Now, we might change the "shall come" to "has come", for truly never before in history can we find a time when it was as perilous (or grievous) as it is today. People both old and young are going deeper and deeper in sin and wickedness every day—just fulfilling the scriptures as it was prophesied of them, as trucebreakers, fierce, despisers of those that are good.

You might go from coast to coast, and everywhere you will find people so discontented that they can hardly find rest anywhere; seeking rest and finding none, all because they are out of Christ and in wickedness. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Jesus says to come to Him and He will give rest.

Some people are so fierce in nature that it is almost dangerous to cross their path on any line. Oh, how such souls need to come to Christ and have the old nature taken away and the nature of Christ to replace it. Some even profess to be saints but have never had that fierce nature taken away; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Brethren, there is power in real Godliness.

God has power to do all things whatsoever we ask of Him according to His will. If we live Godly in this world He gives us power with Him to overcome all evil and live a victorious life in this present world, also to lay hands on the sick and they shall be healed. But how many professed Christians are doubting God's power to keep sinless every day or that God has power to heal us when sick, and by so doing, they only have the form or something that looks Godly, but in their hearts they are denying the power of God. Dear reader, if you are in this number, remember God looks at the heart and not the form, and you stand with a great spot of unbelief on your garment. God is our Judge. May God help us to get real Godliness.

It is grievous to see how the devil is taking faith from God's people, discouraging in every way possible. We are often made to think of the scripture in the 18th chapter of Luke. When Jesus saw how little

faith the people had, He asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on earth?" Saints, look out over the earth today and see how little faith there is! May God awake us to the fact that God's words are true now and forever. Truly, we are living in the last days.

Another way the world is doubting God is concerning His second coming. Not many years past, there was a young man who had been brought up in this truth, but turning away from God, hardened his heart, and said he did not believe that Jesus would come back again, for it had been spoken of for years, even when our forefathers were living, and He hasn't come yet. It was only the fulfilling of the scriptures. Peter says in the 3rd chapter of 2 Peter that in the last days such things would be said, but he also said that they willingly say it. How true is God's words! Please read it for yourself.

Jesus said, when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, \*\*\*\*and they shall not escape. Brethren, let us believe God's words just as He has spoken them. Of a truth, God saves, sanctifies, heals, answers prayer, and some day He is coming back to this earth to gather home those who believe and practice God's Word. Pray for me, dear saints, that I may be found in the number. Yours, for the whole truth. — Mrs. Margaret Eck.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Trenton, Nova Scotia, Canada. —Dear sir: Thank you for *Faith and Victory*, also the package of tracts. I would like another package of 1000 assorted tracts.

I thank God for salvation, also healing of my body. I am happy today because I am on the same good terms with Jesus. It is wonderful how He is blessing me day by day; like an army I behold them pass before me in review. What a blessing doth the sight now afford! Though they may be long in passing, still there comes battalions anew and the end is not yet. Praise the Lord. I have found in Him a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. I am glad that I accepted Him as my personal Savior for He has given me joy, peace and rest. Oh, the blessed assurance that moment by moment He is with me! His grace is sufficient, for He has said my grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Praise His precious name. Here is a few verses that came to me:

There is no other way but the Calvary way,  
For Jesus my Savior died there for me.  
His love and grace is boundless and free;  
He is waiting, poor sinner, to pardon thee.

Just as you are to Calvary flee,  
And all the sinful past before Him lay—  
He will in love and mercy pardon thee.  
The balm from Calvary will over you flow,  
And you will be washed whiter than snow.

Joy of the saved will fill your soul,  
You will then to others the story unfold;  
How Jesus bled and died for you and me  
On the lonely hill of dark Calvary.

Sincerely yours, — Mrs. Charles Ross

Duncan, Okla. —To the many readers of *Faith and Victory*: Greetings of love in Jesus' name.

I'm so glad for a firm foundation, so glad for the promises God has made His people; they are all true. When the way seems dark and trials are heavy, then we can look up to Jesus and remember His blessed words, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Then we can cast our care on Jesus who so freely gave His life for us.

Truly we are living in depressing times, but we know that God our Father is righteous in all His ways. We find in the blessed Word of life that Jesus stayed with His people through trials. Note the Hebrew children who were put in the burning fire for righteousness' sake, and Jesus stayed right in the fire with them. Dear hearts, let's look up, live close to Him, and do more to help bring the dear lost souls to the fold for Him, for soon we will hear the trumpet and the Father's call, "Come, my children, enter in." Oh! that dear people would heed his blessed Word, and seek to do His will—how much more blessed would the world be, and more dear souls would have the hope of a wonderful home in heaven with Jesus.

In Matt. 4: 4 it is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4: 10, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Souls astray, give heed, Jesus knows your need; there's a blessing for you.

I also must say that Jesus is our healer too, and has been for the past 6 years. There is nothing impossible with Jesus. He has even won the victory over death, hell and the grave for us. Bless His name. Oh, what a blessed thought—eternal life.

Matt. 27: 27- 33 reads, "What I tell you in darkness that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear that preach ye upon the housetops, and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for

a farthing? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father's notice, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven, but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Now, could the Lord fixed things more blessed than they are now fixed? Oh, that parents would teach the little children more about Jesus and His love for them! In His service, — Mrs. Maggie Wiseman

Jefferson, Ore. — Dear Bro. Pruitt, and all the workers at the Office: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. May the Lord ever bless you and comfort your dear hearts is my prayer, and make you a blessing to His divine cause.

I often think of you, Bro. Pruitt, and would love so well to meet you and talk with you face to face, but it seems I know you as I have heard dear Bro. Longley speak of you.

I see in my last *Faith and Victory* that the time is out on subscription, and as I don't want to be without the little paper, I will renew my subscription for another year.

Thank God, I am glad I can report victory in my soul over sin and the enemy. Dear Bro., my heart is in this work, and has been for over thirty-five years, and by the grace of God I expect to see the end of a Christian race. While I know this old world is in a very sad condition, yet I do thank God for His grace that brought salvation to a lost and dying world, and that takes us in too, Brother! Oh! isn't it wonderful?

I see where you have been in so many good meetings this summer. How I do wish I could have been with you. I planned to go East and be in meetings, but our daughter in Calif. taken sick nigh unto death about the first days of May, so wife had to go and wait on her, and was there over two months.

It seems to me that if we ever did need to pray and call mightily on God, it is now; for the devil is doing his best to make inroads on the beautiful Church of God. I do thank God for Zion, for she will shine in spite of all the devil can do. Amen, even so Lord.

At any time I shall be glad to have a letter from you, as I do love His saints and always glad to hear from them. As ever your Bro. in the one Body for a clean work,

— H. W. White.

House of Refuge, Lindsay, Ont., Canada. — My dear sir: I thought I would write you a few lines, hop-

ing you are well.

Bro. Lively and I are by ourselves, and we both are glad for the papers as they are doing us good. We have not much money, but I often wish I had some. It would go to help you. We are trusting the dear Lord. Bless His holy name. We read the Bible and are praying God to help you day by day.

We try to do all we can to help others as the Lord permits. A local preacher told me that he did not believe in those papers. Well, we do, as they are wonderful papers and I would not like to be without them. Please send the papers along. We love to read them as I don't read the newspapers at all. I just read the *Faith and Victory* and the Bible. I love the Lord because He first loved me: that is my testimony. The papers hit some people hard, but it's so good it brings me nearer to Him all the time.

We send our best wishes to you all, and may God bless you. Your Bro., — Christopher Knowlden

Silverdale, Pa. — Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. How we rejoice when we know our names are written in the Lamb's book of life; it is eternal life. Praise God.

We see many things in this old wicked world that grieves us, and we often wonder what is coming next. It seems people don't care how they dress or act in public. Oh, what are we as the children of God going to do? Everything the world has is advertised. Why do we not do more advertising, and get people to think about eternal things?

Just before we were married I felt impressed to have a scripture verse painted on my tire cover, and you would be surprised how many just stop and look at it. Though I know some scoff at it, yet there are some that think deep. Whenever we are out and I see people looking at it, I just breathe a prayer for God to touch their hearts so they will become a child of God before too late. This world is going at a rapid speed toward eternity, so may we press on, ever looking to Jesus as our guide.

We all know the scripture, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear." We can easily see how the true Christians are being sifted out, for the devil knows his time is short, and he is now out trying to deceive the very elect. Oh, may God help us to stand the test and not give down along any line, but ever hold firm unto the end. May we become more established and settled in the truth, for the Truth is what makes men and women free. Praise God.

Yours in His service,  
— Bro. & Sister Wm. Cramer.

Los Angeles, Calif. —Dear Sister: I feel like writing a letter to you today and tell you how wonderfully God cared for us on our trip.

Before we started east on June 11th I prayed to the Lord and said that He controlled the sun, moon, clouds, winds, tide and that all things were subject to His will, and asked Him, to take care of us as we traveled through the states.

The Lord did most wonderfully care for us. I believe the saints were praying for us at both ends of the journey. It was very hot in Illinois while we were there, but at night many times we got a nice breeze that rested us. We were so thankful for that. While going east we had one or two blow-outs; had to buy a new tire, as the old one had done much service. This happened just before we got to Bro. I. L. Fowler's in New Mexico.

We were most wonderfully protected from rain, as we got to our stopping place just in time to be protected. On our way home we ran toward a rain storm up in Wyoming or Colorado. We drove into a garage by the roadside till the worst was over, then we started on and got away from the storm. The rest of the time the weather was delightful; sometimes had to bundle up and sometimes put the wraps away. When we were coming toward San Bernardino, Calif. the heat was terrible for a few miles until we turned toward Los Angeles, then a cool breeze came toward us and relieved us somewhat.

Another thing that showed God's care was the way we found a cabin every night before it was too late. Addison (my husband) would say, "It was the Lord's care for us." We noticed many times that had we gone on we would have had to ride many, many miles before we would have come to another stopping place, and at night, too. As we crossed the deserts it was nice and I was so thankful for that. The whole way home we never had so much trouble as even one puncture! Was not that wonderful? We had to drive in some tar that the highway men had just put on the road, but that was soon wiped off by me with a cloth saturated with gasoline. We had some detours and washboard roads but mostly all the roads were good and pleasant to travel.

It did seem so good to get home and see the saints again and they seemed glad to see us. Bro. Davy was holding a meeting at Monrovia when we got here.

Sister Pruitt, if you ever have a chance to come west, try to come over Highway 91 through Utah. It was the most gorgeous scenery on the trip. Of all the colors and shapes in mountains and valleys—red, yellow, pink, orange, terriccottas, white, cream, purple

and black; one could hardly believe one's own eyes, it was so wonderfully beautiful. I guess I have an artist's eye and can't help but see the beautiful.

We met many precious saints while at the New Castle, Ind. camp-meeting, and in many ways it was very nice to be there. Many were so glad for the meeting and I believe that I will never forget it.

Your Sister in the Lord, —I. Edith Kriebel.

o o o o

Natchitoches, La. —Dear saints at Faith Pub. House: Greetings to you in the Savior's name.

Today finds me yet in the narrow way, and still loving and thanking our blessed Savior for keeping me in this way. It is such a great blessing for one who can say and know that our blessed Savior is keeping them in these last days. Praise His name. I am praying for a more closer walk with Him. His un-failing promise says, "He that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled."

I cannot express my joy for what I read in last *Faith and Victory*. It has stirred my very soul and renewed my determination for this holy way. This paper is a godsend to any home that will read it and take heed. May the Lord bless the paper and keep the editor pliable in His hands.

Yours in His dear name, —Sidonia Benjamin.

o o o o

Mich. —Dear saints of God we send greetings in Jesus' name, as we have been led to write a few lines that it may be of some encouragement to some one.

In 2 Peter 1: 10 he admonishes the brethren, "Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things ye shall never fall." Read the forepart of this chapter and it will tell you just what to do, also Jude tells us to earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered to the saints. Why? "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus tells us that many shall come in His name, and say have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name cast out devils and in thy name done many wonderful things, but He will tell them to depart for I never knew you. We hear them in the pulpit say that the church needs more power. You know that Israel was told if they touched any dead body they would be unclean, and Jesus says where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. They have been touching too many of these carcasses—compromising and walking after the flesh, and if we walk after the flesh

we shall die. They bring to my mind the image that we read about in Revelations. They have their pulpit committee so that none can buy or sell except those that have the mark of the beast. Sectarian ministers can get up and preach in their pulpit but a true saint of God cannot; the sects have the mark and the saints have not.

Dear ones, it is sad to look back and see how they used to be and where they are now, but I am glad that we can live so that when we get down on our knees we can find God. Praise His holy name. When I go to the barn to pray, there I find Him; if I go to the field to pray, there I find God. It makes no difference where I go there I find God, for His hand leads me. Praise God for a salvation that keeps me every day.

We desire the prayers of all God's people. Your saved Brother,  
— W. T. S. Maurer

Chillicothe, Ohio. —My dear Sister in the Lord: May the richest blessings from heaven rest upon you and family, is my sincere prayer.

I feel led of the Lord this evening to tell you how wonderfully He healed my hand which was cut. It never left a scar. Bless His holy matchless name. He will do the same for all of His children that will have faith and trust in His never-failing promise. It is so nice to trust Jesus all through the journey of life. He has promised never to leave nor forsake us, if we are always ready to say, Lord, thy will, not mine.

Will close with Christian love, asking the Lord to bless all of you and comfort you in soul and body.

— Mrs. Marion Hagely

Rupert, Ark. —Dear Sister in Christ: Greetings in Jesus' name who shed His precious blood for our sins, so we must live and die for Him. I am so glad for victory in my soul. Praise the Lord forever.

I am poor, but praise God, I am rich in Jesus.

— M. Cooper.

Pasadena, Calif. —To the saints scattered abroad: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus.

Today I feel the love of God so warm in my heart as I arose from prayer that I feel like testifying to the world of His goodness to me. I thank the dear Lord for His wonderful salvation that fills my soul to the brim. He saves me today, sanctifies and gives me encouragement to go with Him all the way to heaven this Bible way. If it was possible for me to effect a change in the way of the Lord, I would refuse to do so, for I have never found anything in all the world as

satisfying and precious to my soul. When trials come He stands by my side and upholds me by His mighty hand of power. When sickness comes He is still present to heal me. When in need He so wonderfully supplies in answer to prayer that heaven just seems to open and let them down. When in trouble He comforts us. Praise His great and glorious name.

I have been saved for 25 years, and never felt a regret in my heart for the time spent living for Him. I love the Lord with all my heart, and I know that I am going all the way by His grace. I can truly say with David, God is my refuge and strength; a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore will I not fear though the earth be removed. My soul is encouraged today to follow on in the narrow and strait way.

Your Sister in Him, — Gertrude Walker

Flint, Mich. —Dear Bro. and Sister: I am by God's guidance going to write you a few lines this evening, telling you that through Sister Carter and the guidance of God I have found the true way and am very happy. I thank God for His blessings. I have been saved over six months now, and the Lord is still keeping me. The Lord is our doctor and helper when we are in need. Not many days ago my little boy was taken with spasms, so Sister Carter and I prayed to God for his healing and he was instantly healed.

I love the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart. My little boy has taken the true way; please pray for him and all of us. I was in a denomination called the Free Methodist, but the Lord called me out from among them.

I read quite a few of your papers. They were old but I got a blessing out of reading them. I got the paper you sent me and I thank you very much for it. I love God's word and I know that God is in this work. Please send me some tracts to give out, as God's word is needed so much here and everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. Murl Green.

Folsom, La. —My dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May God in His love and mercy bless you and your labors.

This beautiful morning finds me praising God for full and free salvation, adoring my heavenly Father for all His love and mercy to unworthy me and my fatherless child. I praise Him for watching over us and blessing us. I never can feel to praise Him enough. I see His hand in everything I do.

I just feel this morning that had He healed me according to my desires I would surely have made a big blunder, not knowing where I was as I do now.

Now He's healing me for His own glory and my good. He gave me a beautiful vision of holiness in its perfection. I thought, that's where dear old Bro. Orr is! I cried and praised God in adoration to think that much of unworthy me. Oh I wish I could see it again! My heart goes out to do His holy will, not mine. However He knows we are not infallible, and when He sees we do the very best we can, He does help. Lord, help me to walk in Thy ways, not mine. The Lord is the strength of my life and old Satan can't hurt. In time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me. Teach me thy way O Lord, and lead me in the plain path, because of my enemies. I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord. I'm hungering and thirsting for more of God and His grace and power over every opposing element of the devil. By His grace I'll go through at any cost. May God help the professors to possess more than they profess. It costs something to live true to God, and loads of people can't see clear as they should, thinking they are where they are not. God help us to live what we profess.

Yours in holy love, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, — James and Tillie Rogers

## Crucified with Christ

“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Gal. 5: 24). But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world” (Gal. 6: 14). How few there are today that are really crucified with Christ, who are no longer living to honor the flesh but living to glorify God. Sad indeed, yet how true; many today have obeyed the voice of the world, to come down from the cross. They no longer glory in the cross, but seek to live in a way that will shun them from the reproach of the cross on which Jesus suffered and died in the most cruel way, bearing the shame and suffering all for us. Then should we not be willing to bear the scoffs and scorns of the sinful world for Jesus a few short years, that we might dwell with Him in eternity?

How our hearts are made sad to see some creeping up a little closer to the world, just adding a little to their dress and life now and then, thus grieving the great loving heart of God. We read in 1 Peter 3:3, “whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.” By the above scripture we see

we are not to dress in a way that adorns our bodies in a worldly manner so as to gain the friendship of this world. We should not wear gold, or put on anything just for show. Surely, when people trim their dresses up in different colors and make them just as near like the world as possible without entirely going with the world, there is some love for the world in the heart, if not why do they this? Is it not because the world makes theirs that way? In James 1:21 we are told to lay aside superfluity. In the dictionary we read that superfluity means, “more than enough.” Surely then, anything put on just for trimming would be superfluity, regardless of what it was. Buttons on the dress if in use are entirely alright, but if not put on for use, but just for show would surely be contrary to the teaching of the Bible. If we can put on little things for show, where can we draw the line and command a stop. We do not believe in fanaticism, that all must dress alike. God's word doesn't teach anything like that. That is, we don't have to make our dresses all by one pattern but we should all dress plain and be not conformed to this world. James 4:4, Rom. 12:2. We also read in Prov. 22:6, “train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Then surely parents could not bob their little girl's hair and then expect her to let it grow out when they get older, for they would not be training them the way they intended them to do later in life. There are some who will let their small children go to places of entertainment that they would not go to themselves. We can only say with one of old, “my brethren, these things ought not so to be” (Jas. 4: 10). Some think the young do not have to live like older people do, but God only gave one book for both young and old and all must measure to its teachings or miss heaven.

Jesus said, if a man love Me he will keep my words. Jno. 14: 23. “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him” 1 Jno. 2: 15. He that sayeth he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked” 1 Jno. 2: 6. So let us fear God and keep His commandments. — Susie Whipple

Could we judge all deeds by motives  
 That surround each other's lives;  
 See the naked heart and spirit,  
 Know what spur the action gives:  
 Often we would find it better,  
 Just to judge all actions good;  
 We should love each other better,  
 If we only understood!