

FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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A New Leaf

He came to my desk with a quivering lip,
The year was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear teacher?
I have spoiled this one."

I took his leaf all stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering lip,
The year was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear Father?
I have spoiled this one."

He took my leaf, all stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better now, my child."

GOD'S BEST FOR 1932.

- "The best fruits." Gen. 43: 11; Gal. 5: 22, 23.
- "The best wine for my Beloved." Song of Sol. 7: 9
- "The best robe." Luke 15: 22.
- "Covet earnestly the best." 1 Cor. 12: 31.

At the end of a watch night service in 1909, I gave an altar call, "God's best for 1910". My prayer for His best was beautifully answered. All through the year His gifts were:

1. Strength for service. Dan. 11: 32; Col. 1: 11. 1910 was a year of perfect health; not one moment of sickness. No sea sickness in a long journey to Jerusalem, though all the other passengers were ill except one little girl. My year word was, "Be strong". 2 Chron. 15: 7. A blessing is promised to those who "eat for strength and not for drunkenness." Eccl. 10: 17; 1 Cor. 9: 25- 27; Rom. 8: 13. Pie, cake, candy, crackers and puddings are not my best, so I leave

man's unhealthful concoctions alone and am satisfied with His "good things." Psa. 103: 5.

2. Silence sometimes. It costs more to be silent than to speak, but the priests' lips should "keep knowledge" as well as impart it. Mal. 2: 7.

3. Satisfaction with God. We learn to be contented with mean things, (Rom. 12: 16) and to give thanks for all things, (Eph. 5: 20) but we find satisfaction only in God. God's best is God Himself.

"God has His best things for the few
Who dare to stand the test.
He has His second best for those
Who will not have His best."

— Abbie C. Morrow Brown.

Sanctification

Scripturally, the word *sanctification* means to separate from worldliness and to dedicate to God to be Spirit-filled. Webster's definition of *sanctification* is the act of God's grace—the Holy Ghost by which the soul of man is purified or cleansed from inbred sin or the old carnal nature. Then there is a supreme love of God, the state of thus being purified or sanctified, also the act of consecrating or setting apart for a sacred purpose. Sanctifier—one who sanctifies or makes holy. Sanctify is to set apart to a holy or religious use; to make holy, to be free from sin, cleanse from moral corruption; to make holy by disconnecting the love for world's pleasure and lusts, and its defilement of the supreme love to God. All of this is comprehended in the one word *sanctification*.

The word has a greater meaning in New Testament scriptures than it has in the Old Testament. We read in Lev. 8: 10 to 36 of various ones who were sanctified but they were not sanctified by the great Spirit that Jesus gave on the day of Pentecost, (Acts 2: 38, 39) for the Holy Ghost was not given until this time. We see that they were all of one accord, then the Holy

Ghost came upon them and took up His abode in them, and this promise is to all that God ever will call by Christ Jesus our Lord from sin unto righteousness.

The justified must meet God's conditions according to the New Testament scriptures, to separate from everything that is not in harmony with God's word and dedicate his soul, his time, talent, life, service and means to the great God of heaven, and every man that hath this hope or experience purifieth himself even as He (Jesus) is pure (John 3:3). Having these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor. 7:1). This brings the believer to the place where God fulfills His part by giving these worthy souls the blessed Holy Ghost. God then takes care and exclusive possession of the dedicated temple and sanctifies it holy. The very God of peace sanctifies you holy (1 Thess. 5:23). They were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-2). How did these great believers get the Holy Ghost? There was no division amongst the early church, and they had both favor and power with God. You who are justified may not see these things for a while and hold an experience of justification, but if your disapproval is on the reception of the Holy Ghost and you won't accept the teaching in the New Testament of the oneness or the unity of God's saints, you will lose the experience of justification and will never get sanctified. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17). The reception of the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Ghost as an instantaneous, definite second work of grace is only the normal state or condition of a Christian. The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost are all jointly interested in us that we keep this grace. Our unity with the God-head is complete, and it is not complete without unity with the Trinity and each other. I will give you the Word of God on this subject, for both He (Jesus) that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren (Heb. 2:11). A heart washed and made pure by the blood of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost will always be in harmony with the New Testament scriptures and have perfect fellowship with those that obey God's word and are in unity and fellowship with those that have salvation, then we can sing with the spirit and with the understanding. We can pray, teach, practice and understand the real meaning to the words, for the cleansing blood of Jesus and the Holy Ghost has been applied to me. For this purpose Jesus gave Himself to the

church, that He might cleanse and sanctify it. God gave Jesus to the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jesus gave His blood on the cross of Calvary for our justification, and Jesus gave His life for the church for our sanctification. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth (John 17:17). In the 19th verse of the same chapter, Jesus sanctified Himself that we might be sanctified through the truth.

"That I shall be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:16). "That Jesus might sanctify and cleanse the Church with the washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26). "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" (1 Thess. 4:3). "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God from the beginning has chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and the life of the truth" (2 Thess. 2:13). "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor and sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Tim. 2:21). "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10). "Jesus, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gates" (Heb. 13:12). "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called" (Jude 1).

Saved and sanctified, and in unity with the saved on earth and born in the Church of God in heaven,

— John M. Doss.

Flee From The Wrath To Come

John the Baptist said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, when they came to be baptised of him, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, and think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore, every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt. 3:7-10) John faithfully warned the children of Abraham that if they did not bring forth fruit of repentance that they should be cut down and

cast into the fire. Claiming to be children of God, when we are not, will bring down God's wrath upon us. Morality has no claim upon heaven. It is good so far as it goes, but it does not go deep enough. God demands a clean heart, a pure life; and this is beyond the power of man. It is the work of God upon the soul, and begins with repentance toward God. All must bear the fruit of repentance; without this there is no hope of satisfying or appeasing the wrath of God.

This is why Christ warned the people so faithfully. He said to them, that they could not put new wine in old bottles, or a new patch on an old garment, for God wants to give every one a new garment without spot, wrinkle or any such thing—one that will be a glory to Him and a praise in the earth. Through Christ every one can receive this pure, clean garment which is not defiled with sin. Through Christ His followers can fulfill the law of God which says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind and with all thy strength." And the second is like unto it. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt. 22: 37-39) Through Christ's atonement we are able to fulfill this, and every scripture, but under the Law they continually failed to live up to this standard. Through Christ's atonement for our sins, we can wear this beautiful garment that reflects back the image of God.

The redeemed are like a city on the hill-top. It cannot be hid. It is a light in this world of darkness. Surely, God will cut off all evil doers, for their life does not glorify Him. They are in darkness, sin and shame. For no flesh shall be justified under the law. "Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3: 20). But we are justified by the precious atoning blood of Christ. "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3: 24). Through the precious atoning blood of Christ there is peace to the penitent soul. He who forsakes his own way for the way of Christ, he obtains life, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Surely, the wrath of God is turned out upon all who will not make their peace with Christ and receive His pardoning love, to the salvation of their soul. Flee from the wrath to come!
— I. Edith Kriebel.

Defying God

All know how that Kansas is liable to exceeding long droughts, and on one of these occasions there came up, day after day, clouds and every token of a

rain, and still no rain. The clouds passed away and the sun would come out hotter and brighter than ever, it seemed to those who were watching and waiting for the rain to cool the parched earth and crops. A farmer whose crop of corn was suffering greatly stood one day watching the receding clouds until the sky was clear and bright with the exception of one little white cloud, and standing with another man he shook his fist violently at it and said: "We'll raise corn in Kansas whether the Lord God is willing or not to send rain." Immediately from the little white cloud descended a lightning bolt and in an instant that man lay dead in the field. It is not safe to call upon the Infinite One in a spirit of anger, or dare the Creator of the universe, for perchance He will take you at your word. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God," and no one but a fool will dare to say such a thing.

— Sel.

The Key To Faith

(1 John 3: 22)

O faith, how wonderful art thou!
You unlock heaven's door,
And bring us just the thing we need—
If health, or worldly store.

You bring life to the sin-sick soul,
Strength to the poor, the lame;
And hope beyond this vale of tears,
All these—through Jesus' name.

But there's a secret to it all—
You cannot come our way,
Except we're willing to please God,
And would His will obey.

Obedience to the Lord's commands,
Of faith, —the secret is,
That brings the blessed confidence—
He's mine, and I am His.

Help us, my Lord, from day to day,
To pleasing be to Thee—
To faith, O wondrous gift of God,
We then will hold the key.

— Mrs. Edward Meadows

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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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EDITORIALS

We are late getting the paper in the mail this month because ourselves and workers have been very busy in the Assembly meeting, and we had but very little time in the office work.

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We have been using time on another year. A New Year has been ushered in with all of its trials, tests, joys and comforts ahead. When we look over the past year and see how graciously the Lord has been, how he has brought us through all the tests and trials that confronted us, how he has loved us and graciously supplied our needs, we take courage and march boldly on for Him with willingness to spend and be spent for His sake.

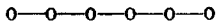
The last year has been a good year for us with the Lord. The literature has been steadily moving out to the people, going in every direction; a good many packages of tracts and papers going to foreign fields. Many requests have come in from afflicted ones wanting our prayers; letters have been received of God's mercy in healing bodies. Many souls have been saved through the reading of the tracts and papers. Our faith and confidence in God has been increased and we believe ourselves to be farther from the world and its ways than ever. We are looking forward for God to do even greater things during the year of 1932 in the way of getting the gospel to perishing souls and the unifying of believers.

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The Faith and Victory paper stands squarely against Satan and his forces of evil. We are not expecting the worldly minded to love us nor the printed matter in the paper; those who are drifting toward the world will not find very good fellowship with us and the literature. If we were depending upon men, we would endeavor to fix the scriptures up to please them. Our faith is not in man, but in the living God who supplies all our needs. We would rather please God and have His approval than to please all men and have His disapproval. God has always worked with the minority. He chose Israel because they were the fewest of all people. Noah was in the minority, but God was with him and his word condemned the world with destruction and saved Noah, his sons and their wives. Daniel went alone into the lion's den, but God preserved him, showing Himself strong in his behalf. The three Hebrew children were in the minority, but God was with them and brought them out, putting to shame those who were against Him. Jesus and His followers were in the minority, and even though God

allowed His enemies to put Him to death, He stepped in, resurrected Him to life and put His enemies to an open shame. God always has and always will work with the minority that He might show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him. "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are." Why does he do this? "That no flesh should glory in His presence." Thus reads the scriptures in the first chapter of 1 Cor.

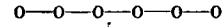
Paul said, "When I am weak, then am I strong." Our weaknesses and limitations gives God a chance to work and show Himself, that men may give Him honor and reverence.



The Assembly meeting here at Guthrie closed on the third day of Jan. and we firmly believe that we can truthfully say that this meeting was one among the best meeting held at this place. There were over twenty ministers present from various parts of the state; some of them were from Kansas and Mo. The clear, plain, definite word of God was preached in all of its fullness. A goodly number were saved. The services were blessed and honored of God from the beginning to the end. Every time Satan would show himself he was rebuked and cut off, insomuch that very few detected him being around at all. Satan had very little part or lot in the matter at all. The unity of the saints and their settling down into God was noticeable by all spiritual ones.

It seems to us that the condition of the Church is in better shape than usual, and that every member will function better to the glory of God and upbuilding of the cause in the earth than ever before. Those few that have stepped aside and gone to extremeism are pretty well known among the saints now, and the honest ones among them are seeing and lining up with the truth in soberness and righteousness in true holiness. The compromisers and semi-compromisers are going their way and having liberty with the worldly minded and religious professors, making a fair show in the flesh which is easy for the really spiritual minded ones to see. The Church of God is marching on, separated from the world and its ways. It is a highway of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; no lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up there on; it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. The glorious Church of God is an

exclusive body of saved men and women, a remnant according to the election of grace. It is a pillar and ground of the truth, holding up all the truth, governed by the Lord Jesus Christ, added to by the Lord, every member made a lively stone in the building by the reception and retaining of the Holy Ghost.



We often hear preachers and others say that they are "contending for the faith once delivered to the saints". We like to hear and know of folks that contend for faith in God, for it is true that all we get from God comes to us through faith which was once delivered to the saints. The question arises in many minds as to when that faith spoken of was delivered to the saints. Some have said that this faith spoken of was first delivered to Abraham, but we find that men showed great faith in God before Abraham's time. Enoch walked with God three hundred years. "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Also, when God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to destroy the people and for him to build the ark, Noah believed God and went about to build the ark. It is said that he was a preacher of righteousness. There was a thought brought out by one minister in the Assembly meeting, that faith always preceded God's work of giving; in other words, God works behind our faith and brings to us the thing we desire because of faith already manifested. We walk by faith, not by sight. Jesus commended the widow that put in the treasure box the mite, even all of her living and said, "This widow has put in more than they all," for others put in of their abundance. They put in much, yet they had plenty left. The widow put in all that she had, even her living; by this she proved that she had faith that God would care for her needs. She got the attention of the Savior because of the faith she manifested. "God works behind our faith" and gives to us that which we believe for. James says, "Faith without works is dead, being alone". The people believed the preaching of Jonah and proved that they believed it by their works. They proclaimed a fast and called mightily upon God. God heard their cry of faith and repented of destroying them and He did it not. It is a very common thing for men to say that they have faith in God. James says, "The devils believe and tremble." We prove our faith by our works of righteousness. We can only do works of righteousness when prompted by His love or His fear which is upon us. Works without faith in God will not gain for us an entrance into heaven. Acceptable works is the result of His righteousness in our souls. Works alone will not gain us an entrance into heaven,

but good works will follow those who have His saving grace in their souls. "The just shall live by faith." By faith we shall live on after this body is laid away and goes back to dust.

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We have just recently printed a supply of tracts entitled, "Be Clean". This tract, written by Bro. C. E. Orr, should be read by every one that has compromised and by those that are drifting to the world. You can get this tract from our office or from Bro. Orr at Hammond, La., Box 370. We send a sample of sixty or more tracts to all who request them.

We printed six thousand of the tract entitled, "Snakes in an Atheist's Grave," and they are going so rapidly and the calls for this tract are so many that we will soon have to print them again.

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We appreciate very much those who have been sending in offerings to supply Grandma Spradling's need as she is worthy of our care. The County has been giving ten dollars per month for her support, but they phoned us recently and said that they could not give it now as they have no funds. We lacked \$3.75 on the last payment, and now since the County has stopped helping we will have to have more means to pay her twice-a-month bills. Grandma is doing fairly well for one of her age, but she does not have any more mind than a very small child, having to be waited on as a baby which makes lots of work and care for the nurse. Pray the Lord for us and her.

OBITUARY

Apollo Belvedere Shambra was born in Love Co., Oklahoma, July 23, 1911; the fifth child of Willie and Estella Shambra. She died November 25, 1931.

When 13 years of age, her parents moved to New Mexico and there she lived two years, then came back to Oklahoma where she spent the remaining years of her short life, most of which she spent in school where she loved to be so much.

Her teachers always said of her that she was a model student in every way; never giving one moment's trouble and never satisfied except at the head of her class. To know her was to love her.

At an early age she professed a hope in Christ, and taught a class in Sunday school where the pupils were nearly as old as herself, but she managed them with love and ease. She continued this hope, and near the end when the saints spent much time with her, she took on new spiritual life and shouted to the end. She has led a whole life worthy of heaven's gain. How

much better our community would be if they would follow in her foot-steps.

She quietly left on Wednesday while lying on her mother's breast. She leaves to mourn her passing, a father, mother, four sisters, two brothers, a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by B. J. Douglas. Text: 2 Cor. 5: 1, 2.

How To Order The Child

"How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" Judges 13: 12. This question was asked by a God-fearing man of years gone by, and it is a question that rests in the minds of many parents of today. I will say that it is a great asset to the nation to have within its dominion those fathers and mothers who are interested in ordering their children aright, and in bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The Bible teaches us that "children are an heritage of the Lord"; they are precious treasures that have been committed to our care, and there is a certain responsibility that rests upon parents that many seem not to be aware of. It is a proven statement that, "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame," and also that "foolishness is bound in the heart of a child but the rod of correction will drive it far from him" (Prov. 22: 15).

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6: 4). These scripture texts will give us a good starting point, yet only a few words contains much holy advice and valuable information. Every parent should make provisions for their children to attend Sunday School or receive Bible instruction, and should be interested in such themselves. Children should be taught to fear God and to reverence His name. A child should be taught to respect the services of God, and not to dishonor their Maker and reproach their parents by giggling, moving around and disturbing Sunday school or worship. A child must be taught; how can it understand except some one guide it?

Now, I don't wish to be mis-understood, and I do not want any one to think that these lines are written because the writer pretends to be wiser than his fellows. Not so; you know these things as well as I do. Perhaps you have a better understanding of them than I have. But if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

You sit or have your children to sit where you can see them, so you may know their conduct or behavior and correct them when necessary. Not necessarily during services or meeting each time, but on the way home, or around the table, or on the way to services, or perhaps in the garden or somewhere. Instruct him, because a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. These things write I unto you to stir you up in the name of our Savior, that you might teach your children how they ought to behave themselves in the house of God.

Now, I could say much more of which you know already and could express, no doubt, more clearly than I can, but will ask God's blessings upon what has been said, and pray that He will stir our hearts to a greater diligence along this line.

Yours, for Christ's sake, — Ulysses Phillips.

Church Government

By S. M. Roberts, PART THREE

As Moses was faithful in all his house, so is Christ a Son over His own house. Under the dispensation of Moses the Law was given on Mount Sinai, and the power of God came down and the glory of His presence insomuch that not even a beast dare touch the mountain; if so, they were thrust through with a dart and killed. Moses received from the Divine hand of God the law that was to govern His people, the law that was to set them right, the law that was to keep them right, and every disobedient one received their reward according to the transgression. So then the Son that is over His own house has given a law by Himself, not on Mount Sinai but on Mount Zion, and every transgressor shall receive a just recompense due his reward. But the principle of this fundamental is the government—the law of procedure and the ruling power that characterizes the nature of this work. Moses was the mediator between God and man under the dispensation of the law, so Christ is the Mediator between God and man under the dispensation of grace. The Levitical priesthood received their office through the Levitical kinship, because a high priest of their profession was Aaron, yet Aaron is to be respected for his ability that God gave him and the office that he filled, as he was ordained of God and truly Aaron's rod did bud and he was held superior above those in which the controversy arose. But we have an high priest of our profession under the dispensation of grace which receives not His office by father or moth-

er, neither has beginning of days or ending of years, but are made after the order of Melchizedek which was made priest by the Lord before the Levitical priesthood had its descendants. So the ministers of the New Testament are not made priests or ministers through father or mother or descent, but are chosen vessels of God and are directed alone and only by the dictations of the Holy Spirit, and these dictations are in accordance with the written law of grace which is the New Testament.

Now let us notice the workings and the acts of those that were prompted and directed by the Holy Spirit in the morning Church. First, they were commissioned by the Lord to tarry in Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on High and they tarried in the upper room—they were all TOGETHER in one place—and when the day of Pentecost was fully come the promise of the Father fell on them. There was a reason for this: they were together! Not just together physically but with one accord in harmony. They were not only in one place geographically speaking, but they were in one place spiritually and doctrinally. Otherwise, the Holy Ghost would not have fell on them. The acts of the apostles are counted lightly; nevertheless, it is nothing more nor less than their actions and the result following. On this same day, after that they had obeyed the instruction of Jesus in tarrying in the spirit of unity together in one place, the Holy Spirit then falling on them and filling their hearts, driving out all fear, giving supernatural ability and readiness of mind to act under the dictations of the supervisor—the Holy Spirit, great signs and wonders immediately followed them. First, there were about 3000 souls added to the church, and also they were with one accord praising God and breaking of bread, and the harmony and peace of Jesus prevailed with them. No man spake aught of the things which he possessed, but they sold their possessions and brought the price and laid it down at the apostles' feet and distribution was made to every man that was in need and they had all things common, and great grace was upon them all. Immediately following this, Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer and a lame man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried and left there, who asked alms of Peter and John, and Peter had the goods. As he fastened his eyes upon the lame man he said, "Look on us". This is the question that confronts us now: Are we able, as a body of ministers, also as the Church of God, to tell the world and those that are in need, "Look on us"? Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have" — without even ask-

ing John if he had, but Peter said, "such as I have, give I thee; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," and reached down and got him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately he received strength and went leaping and shouting and praising God. Now, this certainly shows that the government then was upon the shoulder of Jesus and not man, for the same effect that followed Jesus accompanied the life of these early apostles. Brethren, as long as we are with one accord and together and speak not aught of those things which we possess, but are fully consecrated to the cause and ready at any time, if the need calls for it, to sell even our possessions, houses and lands and lay them down at the feet of the ministry, great grace will be upon us and the Lord will work with us confirming His word with signs following and the Lord will add to the church also.

Here's another narrative that is recorded of the actions of the apostles. A man and his wife, Ananias and Sapphira, sold their possessions and pretended to lay them down at the apostles' feet, but through covetousness and fraud they agreed with each other against the Lord and immediately the Holy Ghost, being so powerful with the apostles to defend the work of the ministry and to keep the cause clean, caused this man and his wife to fall dead and great fear came upon all the people, and of the rest no man dare join himself, so this exclusively left the Lord to add to the church daily such as were being saved.

Now, we readily see that as long as we leave the government on Christ's shoulder, the Holy Ghost will work signs and wonders such as healings and miracles, many souls will come to the Lord, the hypocrites and cold professors will keep out, and none but the righteous people of God will be able to stand before the Holy of Holies wherein is the ark of the covenant and the pot of gold and the cherubims of glory overshadowing the mercy seat.

One Baptism

How is it? In Eph. 4: 5 we read, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Then in Matt. 3 we read how John was baptizing in Jordan and was saying of Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." In verses 13, to 15 it says, "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him, but John forbad Him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us (John and Jesus) to fulfill all

righteousness. Then he suffered Him." From this we understand that Jesus was giving an example and showing us what is right. John indeed; baptized with water, but Jesus shall baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Yet it says—one baptism.

For the baptism of the Holy Ghost, let us read in John 14: 16, 17 where Jesus says, "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter." Jesus comforted His disciples while He was on earth, but the time was coming when He should depart out of this world, therefore, spoke He of another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth that He may abide with you forever. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14: 26). Here is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When Jesus baptizes us, whosoever he be, He baptizes us all with one baptism. It will do for you just what it does for me, and will do for someone else just what it will do for us. If the Holy Spirit teaches you to love your enemies and do good to them that despitefully use you, it will teach me the same thing, for it is one baptism.

So the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance how Jesus loved us, suffered and died on the cross for us, and how He said to "love one another as I have loved you". We all understand it, for He, the Spirit of truth, guides us into all truth (John 16: 13). He guides us all alike, and we believe, teach and practice it just that way, for we have all been baptized with the same baptism of the Holy Spirit. Surely, the Holy Ghost would not teach you to hate your enemy and teach me to love my enemy. Certainly not, He would teach you just as He teaches me; it is all one.

Let us turn to Matt. 3: 13- 16, and there the Holy Spirit will teach us and will help us to remember how Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan; how He set the example before us as He thus said, "It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." If we will but submit to the will of God and be wholly consecrated on the altar, the Holy Spirit will be present to teach us all things. It will teach us how to follow Jesus in His foot-steps, it will teach us the will of God, and will give us the assurance that there is only one Holy Spirit baptism. The Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of the Lord and gives knowledge of the will of our loving Father who is in heaven, and who pleads for a blessed unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

— C. D. E.

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The Path Of Consolation

Our heavenly Father has taught us
To ever watch and pray,
And look to Him for comfort
When things come in the way.

'Twas Him we looked for comfort
Which no one else could give,
And if it wasn't for our Savior,
Truly we could not live.

He trod the way before us—
Despised and rejected by men—
Why shouldn't we be willing
To suffer for our friend?

Let us never yield to Satan
Who is always at his work.
But keep our mind on Jesus,
And from our duty never shirk.
— Mae Belle Miles.

At the beginning of this New Year, we greet all the young people in Christian love, praying God's blessings upon each one, both temporally and spiritually, throughout the year of 1932. May this year go on the record of your life as one in which you have made every day count for the increase or progress of your spiritual life, insomuch that Christ will be the sole object of your admiration. It can be done if you make a decision and let your God-given faith move God to operate in your life.

We thank God for the way He has stirred His young people in behalf of this section, and several have responded with articles and testimonies, telling how God is leading and dealing with them. May His hand continue to be upon each one individually in doing His will, and that spiritual benefit and encouragement may be given and received through this little section. Pray that God will make it just what He wants it to be.

The Assembly meeting, which closed here recently, has been an untold blessing to us, as well as to all the young people who attended. The young people's meeting was well attended each day, and it was especially good and helpful to hear the young Christians witnessing for the Lord with His love dwelling in their

hearts. I pray that each one may fight the good fight of faith until the end.

We know that real prayer changes things. Let us pray the prayer of faith that brings the answer. I sincerely desire your prayers that from God I may receive all I need in soul and body, and especially that His purpose might be accomplished.

— Lawrence Pruitt, *Editor*

Who Will Hold Up The Standard?

My heart has been stirred for some time along the line of, "Who will carry on the work of God when all the old ministers and saints have passed away?" We know, undoubtedly, that it will fall upon the shoulders of the younger generation. But—where are the young people that will be fit and qualified for such a high calling as the call to the ministry. I am made to cry out sometimes, "My God, where are the young people that will carry on the work?" Will they carry on the high standard that has been set before us, or will they lower the standard as the tendency seems to be. The young people, I myself as well as others, have in the past thought the standard a little too high, hard to live up to and too tight on young people—too narrow and too rigid. I do not think that any more, and in fact, I always knew within myself that it was right, and would not have respected a standard that was lower. I used to think the young people should have more freedom than older ones. I have changed my mind now, and it isn't because I am getting old either, as I am not yet out of my 'teens. In studying the Bible I find that there is only one standard taught for young and old alike. Now, this is the part that concerns me deeply. If the young people in general think that they are held too tight, they will, undoubtedly, lower the standard when the work of the Lord falls upon their shoulders. We must not, young people, lower the standard that is in the Bible and the same one which has been taught down through the ages, for if we do, then is our religion vain and our efforts fruitless. We must hold up the high standard that has been held up to us in the past. It must be carried on, our banner of salvation, borne aloft from generation to generation. The younger ones must turn their minds on the Lord, give their hearts and lives to Him while they are young; consecrate time, talents and all. If the Lord calls you to His service in any manner,

shape or form, be willing to do it. It takes just that to be sanctified—to consecrate yourself.

God needs your service and my service while we are young. He can use us to glorify Him while we are young. Have you ever noticed how people will flock to some church where a young boy or girl is going to preach? How they will comment upon what he or she has said! You know in the Word of God it says, "A babe shall lead them". I do not mean that a young person should be conceited and say, "Look what I can do". Oh, no, forget 'I'. It is not 'I' that does it, but God. God cannot use you unless you are humble and realize how weak you are within yourself and your unworthiness before God. Do not get the idea that because you have been used of God while you are young that you know more than the older ministers who have been in the work of the Lord for years. Submit yourselves to older heads. If you cannot see the way they do, don't be stubborn about it; tell them that perhaps you are wrong, then tarry before the Lord and find out for sure whether you are right or wrong.

I would to God that some of the young people would let the Lord have full possession of them, and then, if they are called to the ministry, step out with holy boldness. Do not have a man-fearing spirit; if the Lord tells you to say something to the people, step out and tell it, yet be humble in your manner of telling it.

I am not a preacher, and do not know that I ever will be, but by the help and grace of God I intend to measure up to every word of God and be ready to step out and do whatever He bids me to do. There is one thing I can do, and that is, I can live it before the world and let my light shine. As the Lord gives me light so will I walk in it. I truly believe that there are young people in different places that God is calling to His ministry; only yield yourselves to His service. If He tells you to open your mouth, open it and He will fill it, as He has promised in His Word.

Time is short; we have no time to lose. Let your time be spent for the Lord, so that when He calls you to receive your reward you can lay down your life and say, "I have fought a faithful fight, 'tis finished the work which my Father gavest me to do".

My constant prayer is for the encouragement of the young people in the way of holiness. That is why we are having a section of the paper for the young people. We want you to send in your testimonies and articles that God inspires you to write. We want to keep a section reserved for the young people, but we cannot do this without the prayers, interest and support of the young people. We earnestly desire your

co-operation.

— V. G. O'Raine, *Assistant Editor*

Duty Is Calling

When all the old saints drop off,
Who is going to carry the work on
And keep the banner of Jesus aloft?
The answer is, "The young people".

When all the old saints leave us,
Who is going to continue the fight
Against the devil and in Jesus trust?
The answer is, "The young people".

When all the old ministers die,
Who will behind the pulpit stand
And expound the truth from on High?
The answer is, "The young people".

When all the old saints have gone above,
Who will pray the prayer of faith,
Visit the sick, and tell of Jesus' love?
The answer is, "The young people".

Young people, are we fully ready,
And consecrated to take up the work,
And lift our part and hold it steady?
The answer should be, "Yes, Lord".

Remember, we are the saints of tomorrow,
And our duty we must do;
Take the cross the narrow way,
And Jesus will help us through.

— Anna Marie Pruitt.

Meno, Okla. —Dear young saints at the Office: I send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. Today finds me still saved and sanctified and walking in all the light that shines on my pathway.

I feel like expressing the merits of the step that has been taken to have a young people's section, believing the Lord will be very much pleased with it if it will be carried on in the fear of the Lord.

From my own experience I feel that we as young people do not feel the weight of our responsibility as we should when older saints are present, but in this way the older saints cannot fill our place, so we must. This step takes my mind back to the time when my sister, about seven years older than myself, was still at home. I would depend on her so much to do the work and I would not feel the responsibility of it to

the extent that my parents would be displeased with me. But after my sister married, it seemed natural for all her responsibility to fall on me. I just worked and worked and did my very best until father and mother looked on me with favor. Often it is just the same with we young people. We hardly do more than we have to do and just when we especially feel like it, for we depend so much on our older brothers and sisters in Christ as we think they can do it much better. This young people's section, we must fill. It may be that the Lord has often been displeased with we young people for not being more burdened for the much needed work which is to be done in His vineyard. O may the Lord stir our hearts. Souls in sin are dying and what have we done to save them?

We must also keep in mind that it takes holy wisdom for soul-saving. To get holy wisdom and to keep it, we must seek the Lord very diligently, and if we do not, we are likely to destroy rather than save. May the Lord help us. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide in everything that we should do, until Jesus can look on us with favor and we can hear Him say, "Thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord".

A young saved Sister, — Carolina Eck.

Homestead, Okla. — Dear readers of the *Faith and Victory*: This morning finds me saved, sanctified, satisfied and all on the altar for service, ready and willing to do just what my Lord wants me to do. He died that I might live, so by the grace of God I mean to go all the way with my dear Savior who suffered so much for us. I really appreciate full salvation and mean to run the race and make heaven my home. I cannot afford to go back on my Saviour because He is so good to me. When I have tests and trials He bears them all for me.

I have been burdened for the young people for some time. Some say it is hard to live a Christian life, but I think it is easy to please the Lord or much easier than try to please man, because by pleasing people we would often have to do or say the wrong thing. The devil is trying to discourage us all, and it is sad to say that he has succeeded with many souls. We are living in perilous times, and it behooves us all to always watch and pray without ceasing. Oh, dear ones, be on the watch, keep close to your Master and let Him watch over you. Depend on Jesus like a flock of little chicks depend on their mother.

We are living in the last days and we know not when the Lord will come or call one or the other. Dear reader, if He would call you today, would you be

ready to meet the great Judge? Where will you spend eternity if you are called from this earth before tomorrow? I do hope and pray that the young people will take life more serious before the Lord sees needful to take some member of the family to get others closer to God. The circle will not always be unbroken. I very often think of our dear sister who suffered so patiently for years until her dear Savior called her home to live above. It has been fourteen years ago and I was quite small but I well remember, many times how she talked of Jesus. She corrected her grandparents and told them how they should live.

Dear friend, you that are almost discouraged and ready to give up, grasp faith and be encouraged. Jesus suffered all this and He knows and will carry you through. The Lord doesn't want any to perish. I have never been discouraged since I've been saved. I am satisfied, although I have had several hard battles to fight and many tests and trials to go through, yet in those times I go to Jesus with my burdens and He so kindly cares for me. I can truly say that His yoke is easy and His burdens are light. These things only cause us to pray more. I think it is so good to talk to my Father in heaven. I have received many wonderful lessons through trials.

Dear friends, sometimes everything seems to go wrong. This one gives you a harsh word, the other speaks evil of you and sometimes say you are not saved when you know you are; then is the time to pray and ask God for more grace to stand. He will help you; just trust in God. We wouldn't pray very earnestly if we never had trials to go through. They are only for our good. So often, when I seem to have tests and trials and the burdens get heavy, I stop and think of the promise which says that the Lord will not let us have one trial too hard for us to bear. We believe the Word of God and know it is true. "Blessed are ye that hunger now, for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets" (Luke 6: 21-23). I read a poem which is encouraging to me, as follows:

O Lord! how happy should we be,
 If we could leave our cares to Thee,
 If we from self could rest,
 And feel at heart that one above
 In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
 Is working for the best.

For when we kneel and cast our care
 Upon our God in humble prayer,
 With strengthened souls we rise;
 Sure that our Father who is nigh
 To hear the ravens when they cry,
 Will hear His children's cries.

Oh! would these restless hearts of ours,
 The lessons learn from birds and flowers,
 And learn from self to cease;
 Leave all things to our Father's will,
 And in His mercy trusting still,
 Find in each trial, peace.

I need your prayers that I remain faithful unto
 the end. — Selma Hiebert.

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The Dance

I, Ancon Noosebush, will endeavor to make a full confession of my life which I hope will, in some way, help some mother's girl who might be led off the right road by cultivating habits which are detrimental to humanity. I hope someone will read this and show this to mothers who are in the same way slacking up on their duty they owe to their children, to themselves and to their God, "who gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I'll say my first step downward was in the big theatre in El Paso, Texas, which is my birth town. I lived there eighteen years until picture shows led to public dances, which are the very slide of white slavery or the very door to hell itself. I met Rev. —, who had filled a preacher's pulpit for some three years, but he would attend public dances and with all his strength and mind pull young girls down, and succeeded in putting me and two of my sisters down in this way. He told us if we wanted to have the good time of our lives to go to Silver City, where we could have some privileges of enjoying life. Mabel Noosebush who was my eldest sister at home at that time told me we could pretend to go to school up there at Silver City, and take in the town. We suggested it to mother by telling her that Rev. — would accompany us, as he was going to Silver City to preach. He went every second Sunday of each month. Mother believed us and worked very hard to get us ready for school as she thought.

So we went and this man I've spoken of disappeared and we fell into bad company like all girls do when

they go to a city alone. My sister, Mabel, said that our father would punish us if he found it out. So we went on until our school matron expelled us. We went further west and came in contact with drummers which are at all times out for a good time whether married or not, and sold our souls until our lives are now become a perfect wreck as well as our health. Now I have been informed of my sister's death after attending mother's funeral at El Paso, Texas. The Lord saw fit to take things in hand and I am now bedfast on account of being used brutally in the vice district for some three years. If the Lord lets me live long enough I'll do my best to expose all such evils as picture shows and public dances. On attending a dance at Douglas, Arizona, I saw a young man who claimed to be a doctor. He introduced himself to my youngest sister. After dancing a while he asked her to come out in the hall with him, as he had to have a little air, as his heart was just a little weak, he said. Being out of my sight some fifteen or twenty minutes, I went to search for her. I couldn't find what had become of her until a man at the last of the dance said, "Who was the young girl that fainted in the hall?" I asked him about her and to my surprise found out that the supposed young doctor had struck her with a poisoned needle which seems to be the means of capturing many a girl for white slavery use. This is one reason I say picture shows, suppers, parties and dances are the very door to hell itself.

Oh, readers, please wake up to the fact that all mankind of today are so worldly that even the ones that are the most trusted in some cases are the ones most deceitful. I hope this will make an impression on all mothers and fathers that may chance to read it. The responsibility rests wholly on them to look after their children and not risk even their best friends to look after them. To fail may be to lose them eternally. If all the so-called Christians were doing their duty to themselves and to God, there would not be so much of the sinful traffic I've just spoken of.

Some three months ago I was aroused in my conscience to write some things that have happened in my short life. I say short because I am now nineteen years old and feel that my time is almost here, as my health has become a perfect wreck. The doctors of this town tell me I cannot live very long. My life means nothing to me only eternal damnation if God does not accept me shortly. I plead again with the Christian people to get around to their duty, for there are hundreds of girls sliding into hell every day for lack of a mother's care. Try and do something to stop strong drink and picture shows and public dances. If all

people could see and realize the danger of these damnable things as I've been made to see them, they would pray without ceasing. Being much in pain, I will rest for a while, hoping to finish later. — Sel.

Extracts From Our Mail

We just recently received a letter from Sister Robart of Minneapolis, Minn. and she says that Bro. Robart, who was crushed by an auto, is some better. This trouble has been a great strain on Sister Robart, as it threw much responsibility and work upon her. (Bro. Charles Foster stayed and helped her with the work. He has gone to another place now.) They are in need of our prayers yet, as Bro. Robart is improving slowly. They are thankful and appreciate the saints praying for them during this trouble, and realize that God helped and relieved as He heard their cries.

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A letter from a Sister living in La. informs us that she is victorious through Christ. She orders a Bible for a present to a dear friend and sister. She is very zealous for the cause of God and yields freely to His will and God is making her a blessing to many. She says that she thinks often of Grandma Spradling, and wants to aid her if the Lord provides and leads.

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We received an encouraging letter from a Sister living in Penn. who writes in part: "Enclosed find money order of ten dollars, also a few addresses for *Faith and Victory* paper. The rest you can use to help Grandma Spradling and in the furtherance of the gospel work of God. Please pray for my husband that he will get saved and that my life will be pleasing to God.

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A Sister in Kansas writes us with much love and kindness, and a portion of her letter reads as follows: "Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. Hope you are all well and encouraged. We are sending you a little offering for Grandma Spradling which is from the Sunday School. Please find enclosed money order for two dollars.

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We received a double letter from saints living in Calif. and they encouraged our hearts as they were steadily and firmly pressing on in the true and holy way. They each sent five dollars for the furtherance of the gospel and rejoice that they are able to help along some.

A letter from a Sister living in Okla. reads as follows: "May the richest blessings of God rest upon all of you is my prayer. Have received *Faith and Victory*; thank God for the paper and the food for souls it brings. How I enjoy reading it! I notice that some of the dear saints are in need for soul and body. I am sending five dollars for Grandma Spadling. God bless her and the woman that cares for her.

Please send me the latest tracts, and you will also find enclosed five dollars for the work."

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A Brother in Ark. writes: "I was looking through a friend's Bible and found a tract entitled, "Sliding into Hell" which was published by your Office. I read this tract over and I noticed that it was a true photo of the majority of the so-called Christians of today. Now, I wish to state that I am a poor man, but I wish to have five hundred of these tracts. If you will send these to me I certainly will be glad to have the privilege of distributing them. I would like for you to send them to me at once as we have but a short time to work for the Master."

The tract mentioned above is one of which a Bro. is financing the printing. He pays us for the printing, we print them and distribute them to the people. We sent the tracts to the Brother at once and the Lord will bless him in giving them out, and no doubt, make them a blessing to many souls.

Any one and every one can spread the gospel if they have willing hands and willing hearts. God asked Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" The truth of this is for us to use whatever God has placed in our hands to the furtherance of His cause. If you are willing God will show you the way. It may not be your way, but He will show you His way.

CORRESPONDENCE

Duncan, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Will greet the many readers of *Faith and Victory* in the name of Jesus, the world's greatest friend. I am glad for His blessed promises and his loving care. I feel that He must love the soul of man more than most of us think He does. O, do we seek to do His will and not our own? Are we living by every word? Do we use His word for a lamp for our feet and a light to our pathway? We must be willing to lend a helping hand to our needy brothers and sisters. De we try to be a comfort and a blessing to each other? Have we got our whole heart consecrated to the will of God? The Word says, "Be ye followers of God as dear children." Are we not about half self-willed. Charity seeketh not her own.

Let's search our hearts to see if we are walking in the foot steps of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Many souls are passing on to their rewards every day. Now there is a home and a crown for every one that does the will of the Father and endureth until the end. May the dear Lord stir the hearts of all sleeping souls that they may hear the call of Jesus. He came to be the Savior of the world, tasted death for the soul of every man and woman, boy and girl. Will you give Him a place in your heart and life?

He also is a wonderful healer of all manner of sickness and troubles of any kind. He is a real friend in need and a friend in deed. He is our life and our all in all. Bless His name forever.

May the Lord richly bless all His saints and ever keep them in the sheep fold with Him. Pray for me.

Your Sister in Jesus, — Mrs. Maggie Wiseman

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Boley, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. I know it was the Lord that put it in your heart to send me that expiration notice in order that I might get that paper, even the last one you sent, because I got so much help by reading the testimonies of the dear saints. Praise His name forever. I have it settled and fixed to stay with Jesus by His grace. The good Lord has healed so many times in my home this year. I was cut very bad with bob wire, but He so wonderfully healed my foot; to Him I give all the praise.

Yes, Bro. and Sister, I want *Faith and Victory* paper always in my home. Find enclosed my renewal.

Your Sister in the Lord, — Lizzie Jones.

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Oriente, Okla. —Dear ones in Christ: Holy greetings in Jesus' name. I am happy in the Lord, enjoying full salvation. I am very thankful for the Faith and Victory paper.

I have read how Grandma Spradling is in need. It is the Father's will that I send her a dollar. I would like to give more; the heavenly Father knows my heart. It is my heart's prayer that some of the saints would give up things that they buy that are not necessary and use to the glory of God. "Insomuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." May the Lord bless Grandma the few days that she is here.

Yours in Christian love, — Mrs. Abe A. Penner

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Anthony, Kansas —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I greet you in Jesus' precious name. I know I am saved, and perfectly satisfied with my Savior's dealings with me. He is so good to us and does so much

for us that we can never repay Him. I want to praise Him continually.

I feel it would be to the glory of God to tell you what the dear Lord is doing for us. There was a sick woman in the south part of town, and the doctor told her he could do no more for her. She was left discouraged and given up to die. She dreamed a dream that night, and she dreamed if she would send for three of the saints and they would pray for her, she would be healed. Although she was a member of the Christian Church, she sent for the saints. When we arrived, we found her in a pitiful condition alone, just waiting for the death angel. She told us her dream, and she believed He could heal her. She had prayed through and she had made her peace with God. I talked to her a while, and we sang and read to her. She was so anxious for healing, so we laid our hands on her and prayed. She was instantly healed, ate her supper, got up, dressed and was well. Praise God. She comes to meeting, testifying for God and His healing power, and is all for the dear Lord. The doctor came back and she was working. He asked what had happened. She told him. He said, it was surely the Higher power that did it.

I have been earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. The work is moving on nicely. Saints are settling down and we expect to see the inside of heaven.

Your paper is an inspiration to me. I pray God to bless you and yours, and hope all will be faithful and true till Jesus says it's enough.

Your Sister for the whole truth, — Allie McAdams

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Aquashicola, Pa. —Dear Sister in Him: Rec'd your kind and helpful letter. Will again write in Jesus' precious name. How sweet the name of *Jesus* sounds in a believer's ears—the name above every name. How marvelously wonderful Jesus is! He supplies our every need. I am so glad that Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever." Praise His dear name. "That He shall dwell with us and shall be in us." Some think He can be earned by works. Then why would we need to be born of the Spirit? No, it is only promised to the believers who have accepted Christ as their Savior and are born of the Spirit. They do not seem to think that the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to come into the believer to purify the heart. O, if we could just convince them that the good works can not make them sons of God!

How wonderful it is to be in His service. I thank God for every opportunity to do the little things in

His service and He blesses my soul. I know God is using you; it is a wonderful blessing to be used by Him, and to be hid with Christ in God. In Him we are carried through. My desire is to stay in Him; there I am under His protection.

I have been having some trouble with a burning in the stomach, but I am glad to testify at this writing that God has heard the prayers of His children and healed my stomach. I could not eat many things unless my whole stomach burned. but I took Him at His promise and ate whatever God gave me. People are very kind to us, and give us many things, so I thanked them and God and ate, in His precious name, all He sent in, regardless of my feeling. I now can eat without any trouble. I write this testimony to His honor and glory. There are so very many things to praise and thank Him for. New blessings He gives us each day. Still some can reject Him and turn their backs, stiffen their necks, and harden their hearts. It pains a child of God to see this, but we can not change it—only pray for them. Eternal life can easily be found by all who want it from Christ, our Life-giver.

It is a glorious thing to sit at His feet and learn of Him. The lesson may be a little hard sometimes to understand, but He is there to help and reveal it to us if we really try and want to learn.

Yours in Him, — Mrs. Ella Heller

A God Of The Present

Some people are always looking back to the days of Elijah, and the apostles for the manifestation of God's mighty power. To them, God is a God of the past, all that he has ever done is in the dim distance of the receding ages. To such, there is no God of the present. All are welcome to that kind of a God that wish him, but as for me I am glad to inform all that I have found the God of heaven, and he is the same today as in the far-distant past. He saves today, he heals today, he walks with me today, and he talks with me today. He is the God of this day and will be the same to the end of time. — Sel.

ANTITHESIS OF CHURCH OF GOD AND SECTS

(G. E. Harmon, *Part One*)

Years ago, just before I came out of the Methodist sect, I looked upon the Church of God as just another sect and called them "Come-outers", "No sects". We thought them the most sectarian sect of all sects, be-

cause we heard our elders in our conferences speak thus of them. Our minds were prejudiced to some degree against them, believing Church of God people were rank heretics because of false reports, accusations and impressions going out, until there was an awful spirit of prejudice inculcated in the hearts and minds of the people. The same spirit was manifested against the Church of the living God in the apostolic era. The people then, as now, looked upon the Church of God as sect because everywhere it was spoken against (Acts 28: 22). Paul was accused before the governor by Tertullus of being "a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes," but Paul answered, "Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me, but this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy (sect), so worship I the God of my fathers" (Acts 24: 1- 5, 13, 14). Paul declared that his accusers could not prove that he belonged to a sect, yet he says, after the way "they call" sect, he worshipped God, and so today, we defy anyone to prove we hold membership in a sect. Saints of God do not affiliate with so-called "No sects" or "Come-outers", for unlike them, true saints have no sectarian spirit, but we stand opposed to sectarianism and all other isms; and abide in the Church in which we were made members by virtue of salvation.

The Church of God was built by Christ, while all sects were founded by man, and I say unto thee, "That thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build my Church" (Matt. 16: 18). It was prophesied by Daniel as a kingdom set up by the God of heaven (Dan. 2: 44). It is the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man (Ileb. 8: 2). All sects have been organized by man. The Church of God is built upon the principle of unity. Sectism is built on the principle of division. The Church of God is divine, the sects are human; no affinity between the two. Christ built one church, the sects number nearly one thousand or more; therefore, Christ is not their builder. "He is not the author of confusion." The church Christ built, He calls "my Church", then no sect belong to Him, for man built them. Christ said of His Church, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16: 18). It shall stand forever (Dan. 2: 44), therefore, the same Church Jesus built nineteen hundred years ago is still in existence. It stands today; the whole "family", the host of heaven, and all the saved of earth are members of it (Eph. 3: 15). Paul calls it the Church of God (1 Tim. 3: 15); the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. Thank God, we belong to it alone and no other, and it will stand while ages roll on and on in eternity.

In A. D. 32 Christ said, I will build 'my church'. In A. D. 33 the Lord added to the Church daily such as were being saved. Acts 2: 47. So His Church was already built at this date and organized on Pentecost. Now since all sects (taking name of Christ) have come into existence since that date, not one of them is Christ's Church. The Catholic church is the oldest sect of Babylon, but it did not come into existence until about three hundred years after Christ built His Church, so it could not be the Church of God. The oldest Protestant sect was the Lutheran sect, which was not organized until after A. D. 1530. Since that date all sects have arisen. The Church of God is the true Church; they (sects) are the false. The Church of God is the genuine; they are counterfeit. We discard all human structures or sects, and abide alone in the Church of God. We are orthodox in so doing. Some say the sects are necessary 'scaffolds' upon which we build the Church of God. Jesus said, "Upon this Rock I will build my Church", not on sects. Shame on theologians who teach people that human structures or sect organizations are necessary 'scaffolds' to the building of the Church of God. They would be as a pair of wooden crutches to a sound man; the more he leaned on them for support, the weaker he would become in his natural body. His limbs would finally become useless or paralyzed, and the sooner he threw them away the better for his limbs. Sects to our spiritual life would act the same as the crutches to the normal man. They paralyze the spiritual man; then what good are the sects? No good whatever, but are positively forbidden in the Bible. "That there should be no schism (sects) in the body" (1 Cor. 12: 25). Then why preach for your worthless sects?

A sect is a cut-off part. The Church of God unites in one. It perfectly joins together (1 Cor. 1: 10), while sects divide in hundreds of different factions. Christ is the Head of the body, the Church (His Church). Some sect ministers say, "He is the head of our church too". No, He has but one body. One head with several bodies would be a monstrosity, some unnatural thing. But if that were possible, the head alone would have the Bible name, while the different bodies would be Methodist, Baptist, Menonite, Dunkard, Quakers, Pentecost, Mormon, etc. and none of them working in harmony with each other, or in harmony with the head. Don't you think the contention between the several hundred bodies would bring pain to the head? But, thank God; it is not so with the body of Christ, for it is in perfect harmony with the head; "His body, which is the church" Col. 1: 24). No sect composes this body, "the church, which is His

body" (Eph. 1: 22, 23).

"Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular" (1 Cor. 12: 27). This body is composed of all the saved; all Christians belong to the Church of God. No sect contains all Christians; hence, no sect is the Church of God. You cannot be a Christian and not be a member of the Church of God, but you can be a member of some sect and not be a member of the Church of God. So whether in or out of a sect, if you have salvation, you are a member of the Church of God. We see since the Church of God includes all Christians, it is not a sect, cut-off part; it is the whole. To become a sect, we would have to organize and join another body, for the body of Christ (His church) is already organized, and to reorganize it would be to disorganize it, and thus make another sect.

Had I But One Day To Live

Had I but this day to live,
 This day to love, this day to give,
 This day to watch and work and raise
 My voice to God in joyous praise,
 This day to succor those in need,
 Pour healing balm on hearts that bleed
 Or wipe the tears from sorrow's face,
 And hearten those in sad disgrace—
 I'd spend, O God, much time with thee
 That thou might'st plan the day for me.
 Most earnestly I'd seek to know
 The way that thou would'st have me go,
 For thou alone can'st see the heart—
 Thou know'st man's most inward part.
 In my communing tell to me
 Where the hungering souls would be
 That I might take thy word, O God,
 And shew the way the Saviour trod.
 Thou art all wise, all kind,
 And those who eager seek shall find;
 And thou the Captain of my soul,
 Unerring, would my day control.

— Alice Harrod Muir.

The shaft to be used must be polished.—
 Must be hid in the Master's hand;
 The arrow while hid in the quiver,
 Must be sharp to perform His command.
 Then polish and sharpen me, Master,
 Though painful the process may be;
 And make me an instrument fitted
 To be used any moment by thee. — Sel.