

# 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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## “ALTOGETHER LOVELY”

Solomon's Song 5: 16.

“He is altogether lovely, my Beloved and my Friend,”  
Strange that ever He should love me, strange that He  
should condescend

To redeem and bless a sinner, and to dwell with him  
on earth—

He, the Lord of light and glory, spotless, pure, of  
heavenly birth.

“He is altogether lovely,” perfect, faultless, free from  
guile,

Yet withal so kind and tender, holy, harmless, unde-  
filed;

Patient when I sorely grieve Him, loving when I go  
astray,

Bearing with me, teaching, training, guiding me from  
day to day.

“He is altogether lovely,” I would gaze and gaze at  
Him,

Losing sight of earth's attractions, losing sight of self  
and sin:

Looking only unto Jesus, growing more like Him to be,  
Till I bear His glorious image through a glad eternity.

“He is altogether lovely,” He is coming, we shall see  
Him in all His matchless splendor, and with Him and  
like Him be:

Blessed hope our hearts to gladden, we'll behold our  
Saviour's face,

And be satisfied, enraptured, with His beauty and  
His grace. — A. E. Richards.

## Are you Born Again?

In a village church in England one Sunday the  
pastor spoke on the text, “Except a man be born a-

gain he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3: 3)

Among the audience were some noblemen, to  
whom the village partly belonged. One of these—Sir  
Vivyan—was so deeply impressed by the force of the  
text that he became very restless and troubled, not  
knowing how this change to a new being was to be  
made. He was a young man, morally good, and had  
known this Scripture from his childhood; but not  
until now did he realize that he would be eternally  
lost if he died as he lived, and that he must be born  
again in order to be saved for eternity.

In his anxiety to get clear about this vital truth,  
Sir Vivyan a few days later invited the pastor—Mr.  
Longdale—for dinner to his castle, stating that he  
wanted to get definite information on a point that had  
troubled him since Sunday.

After dinner the pastor asked Sir Vivyan what it  
was that he wanted information about. “I have been  
deeply concerned about the subject of your last Sun-  
day's sermon,” he answered.

“What is it then that you didn't get quite clear  
on?” inquired the pastor.

“Well, to be born again, which is necessary for  
salvation, is it a mere theory or a real and actual  
change?”

“Of course,” said the pastor, “the Holy Scrip-  
tures leave no doubt about that. The word ‘born a-  
gain’ in the original means ‘born anew,’ or ‘born  
from above,’ which says that the soul enters an entire-  
ly new life. The Scriptures speak of this birth in  
other ways elsewhere, but in every case it means a real  
change from one life into another. A mere religious  
reforming of ways and manners wouldn't bring that  
about. For instance, it is called ‘passing from death  
unto life’ (John 5: 24); ‘a turning from darkness to  
light’ (Acts 26: 18), ‘making us meet to be partakers  
of the inheritance of the saints in light,’ ‘deliverance  
from the power of darkness,’ and a ‘translating into  
the kingdom of His dear Son’ (Col. 1: 12, 13). The  
positive theology can give you no other answer.”

"Then," asked the anxious young nobleman, "the new birth is really a renewing and a change that the soul must practically experience in this world, is it not?"

"Yes, without a doubt," replied the pastor, getting uneasy about the seriousness of the conversation.

"And how can I be born again?" was the next question.

Now the pastor was evidently confused. He saw that here was a case where his orthodox knowledge and his theological intelligence was insufficient; here was a really awakened man craving for the truth about salvation which he could not supply. Here could only experienced reality give light. "Yes," he said, almost dreaming, "there are differences of opinion on that part among the theological schools."

"Oh, please let us leave out the theological schools. Books and theories cannot help me here," replied the nobleman, almost angry; and then, looking at the pale face of his guest, he said: "Excuse me, dear pastor, my soul is in distress; I seek light and peace. It is a question of eternity and I grope in darkness and see no light. Tell me, I pray, how can I be born again, and who has experienced this change on himself? In short, are you—."

The heavy table shook as the strong man began this personal question. He trembled and was unable to finish the question. But the pastor understood. He dropped his head and covered his pale face with both hands.

Now there was a deadly silence for some time. Then the pastor arose and with tears in his eyes said: "My dear friend, let us pray." Sir Vivyan understood; they were both not yet born again; neither had yet come to the Lord Jesus Christ as lost sinners to receive from Him forgiveness and eternal life; tears filled his eyes, too.

And there and then they bent their knees together and cried to God for mercy, for salvation and eternal life, and received the answer from Him who said, "him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6: 37). They received peace with God and eternal life (Rom. 5: 1; 1 John 5: 13).

For several weeks Mr. Longdale was not seen in the pulpit, but when he took his old place again, oh, how different was his preaching! He could speak now in the power of the Holy Spirit of the Savior and of the gift of eternal life, now really his own. At the end of the sermon he told his astonished people what the Lord had done to his soul. Many were moved to tears, and when he then knelt down, praising and wor-

shipping and praying his Lord and Savior for blessing, many turned to the Lord Jesus Christ for their own salvation and happiness for time and eternity. It was a day of blessing, never to be forgotten.

"Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22: 17).

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## Implicit Trust

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"Except ye become as a little child, ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mark 9: 15).

The trust of a little child is wholly centered in its father, providing he is a good father. Be not deceived; the God-given instinct of a child is so keen that they scent any wrong-doings without actually having any visible signs.

A mother, because the father was so stingy, was forced at times to buy things secretly, having to use underhanded business transactions; (not really wrong on her part, as she should have had as much right as he, as she worked really harder than he did and was a much better manager). Seemingly, the young children naturally understood conditions, but every one of them proved to be sneaky and unreliable. Were not both of the parents to blame? The father first, and also the mother, because she did not face the issue openly; possibly on account of persecution, or thinking perhaps a family row had been avoided, which in this case (if her heart was right with God) would have been preferable, as He, who promises wisdom for every problem, would have managed for her.

A little girl was frequently taken to town by her father who would give her some small change to buy candy, while he went elsewhere, cautioning her not to tell mother that he had left her. That child certainly felt in her little heart that something was seriously wrong between her parents, although she could not explain it. There will be children in hell (not little children, but offspring of parents) who have not been true to their marriage vow, thus being responsible for their lost condition. Nothing short of a pure heart and life will stand the judgment test.

Jesus says, "It were better that a millstone were hanged about your neck, than that you should offend one of these little ones."

How confidently a little child will place its hand in the parent's, fearing neither darkness, wild beasts, or dangers of any description; neither does it worry about its food or other necessities—just happy to know that all is well as long as confidence reigns, asking questions and favors. How happy they are in each

other's love. God is a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers (and mothers) unto the third and fourth generations (Ex. 22).

Why should we place our trust in insurance companies and lodges, thus telling by our actions that our faith is in man more than God? Many so-called holiness people take the Lord for their healer so long as they have no aches, but where is their faith when some one of the family feels out of order, and fear of death causes them to rush for a doctor who must be (and rightly should be) paid for his unnecessary service? Not a missionary would be wanting for necessities if the money thus spent was placed in the mission fund. It is nothing to spend hundreds, yes, thousands of dollars for operations, which, if the law of God was obeyed by proper dieting and care of the body, (which is supposed to be the temple of the holy Spirit) would be avoided.

While at Santa Cruz, Calif. along the beach, I noticed a young man with a small boy at his side. I think the mother was there, too. The little fellow enjoyed wading in the water, fearing no danger. Every time just before a breaker would reach him, he was safely in the arms of his father who could ride the billows.

As a father pities his children, so does He pity those that fear to displease Him. He is more willing to provide for us than we are to please our children. Should we ask for bread, would He give us a serpent? "Have faith in God" who is able and willing to carry us over every tide, providing our will is wholly centered in Him.

— Marie Pauline Sass.

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### GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

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YOU are writing a Gospel,  
 A chapter each day.  
 By deeds that you do,  
 By words that you say.  
 Men read what you write,  
 Whether faithless or true.  
 Say! What is the Gospel  
 According to YOU? — Sel.

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### Eternal Death And Damnation in Hell

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Death comes dashing down the road of time on his pale horse. Lost souls—he drives the arrow thru your heart. It is more deadly than the poison adder, and with a ghastly gait stands and looks on, and will at the earliest moment seize your poor lost soul and

drag your precious immortal spirit into that awful lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 20: 14- 15). There to be confined within that awful dungeon where no light, nor comforting words, nor prayer can be offered for any relief. There are walls because there is a confinement to that place of torture. A soul is there forever and forever, and if it had no walls the light could shine in and the lost could escape.

Oh, you might scream and beg and cry, but only to be mocked, and the demons will hiss at you by the countless millions with laughter and a hellish jubilee. Lost souls, in your hell doomed bodies you will wander through hell's darkness to the farthest section and there gnaw your tongue and gnash your teeth, and there you will blaspheme the great God of heaven because of your pain and sorrow. Please read St. Matt. 5: 29, 30. Although you will hear shrieks and screaming you will go through the blackness of darkness forever and ever like a wandering lion does in his cage seeking liberty, for you will be left to weep out your own shame (Jude 7- 13). Over the rough thorny places you will stumble and fall in the fire of hell to never rise no more, and the bottomless billows of damnation will dash over your soul forever.

Lost souls, you will be surrounded by dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, blasphemers and all other God haters. I have never seen anything to compare with demon spirits and "fallen angels", so there is an awful existence in hell; forever separated from loved ones, no God, no Savior, no comfort, no rest day nor night, no light, no faith, no law, no salvation, no Christians to pray, hope is gone forever, and bound and fettered in chains of darkness. Your own screams and shrieks will cry for mercy, though the demons will only re-echo and mock your lost soul.

O reader, if you are lost and on your road to hell and death, call on God today, for tomorrow may be too late. Only our holy God knows what sorrow awaits the lost soul (2 Cor. 6: 2). We read in the New Testament that it is either holiness or hell (Heb. 12: 14). We see that it is either turn or burn (Rev. 20: 15). Dear souls, don't neglect your soul's welfare and let the devil drag your soul into a devil's hell that will last as long as there is a heaven. So come to Jesus now while I pray; He'll save your soul from sin's control the Bible way.

May God save the unsaved for Jesus' sake.

— John M. Doss.

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"When men extol each other, the cheat imposes upon the cheat, the vain flatters the vain, the blind leads the blind, and the weak supports the weak."

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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.

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"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."

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## EDITORIALS

It is with much pleasure and deep joy that we send forth this February issue of Faith and Victory paper. Our hearts are made glad when the Lord makes us able to send forth messages of love and truth, as we know that believing the truth and abiding therein is what makes and keeps men free and ready for heaven.

We have well begun on the New Year now, and with joy we take up the work that is before us, having confidence in our Leader who has won the battles for us during the past year. Christ, our Captain, is going on before; we follow Him and Satan is behind—he is a conquered foe to every trusting, faithful child of God.

We have much pity for those who are crushed, bruised and bound by Satan. If they only knew how much stronger God is than Satan, if they could only see what a mean whelp is holding and ruling over them, they would yield to and seek the Lord until He rained righteousness down upon them (Hosea 10: 12). There is nothing good about the devil; on the other hand, God is all good. It would be wrong for us to obey the devil if he told the truth. He told Jesus to command those stones to be made bread (Luke 4: 3). Jesus had power to turn the stones into bread just as much as He had power to turn the water into wine or to multiply the loaves and fishes. Jesus was hungry and needed food, but He would not obey the devil. He set Jesus on the pinnacle of the temple and quoted scriptures to Him correctly, but He would not obey him and told him, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God". A Brother once said, "I would not believe the devil if he told the truth". The fact is that the devil cannot tell the truth if all of his heart was known to the one listening. Jesus said, "He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him \* \* \* for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8: 44). So, it is right for us not to believe the devil if he does tell the truth, for his motive in telling the truth is for the purpose of leading you to believe a lie.

There are many preachers in the world today preaching right things. Satan's preachers are preachers of righteousness in many instances (2 Cor. 11:15). By righteous preaching they lead souls into believing lies. The hard long-fought battles, which the saint has, are not with the non-professor, but with the ungodly professor and self-righteous persons (spiritual wickedness, Eph. 6: 12). They are the ones who deceive souls, and in cunning crafty ways lead them into

believing lies by mis-applying the scriptures, binding them for eternity's night. The devil has gotten many otherwise righteous souls to conform to the world in one way or another. He appears so righteous and angel-like, and applies the scriptures so cleverly that they fail to see the lie that he is leading them to believe. When the Holy Ghost comes into our souls, He separates us from the world by transferring our faith from earthly things to heavenly things. The devil's business now is to undermine our faith in God and get our faith and affections in earthly things again. It is sad to see how many he has duped, how many have fallen a prey to his wicked, clever designing. He appeared to them in angel-appearance, and seemed so innocent, flattering and promising them much honor of men and a large following. He has lots of subjects—a big show of religion. When he once gets a soul to drink one sup of his dope, it goes to his head and inflates, and he soon begins to think that there are very few who know as much as he does. I do not know of any dope so cleverly administered and universally used by Satan as that labeled, "Liberty of conscience". There are more souls blinded, led astray and destroyed by this dope of truth and lie than any other drug handled by salesmen of the lower regions in angel's garb. Many today are crying, 'liberty of conscience' while they sear their own consciences by "building again the thing which they once destroyed" (Gal. 2: 18). Brethren, let us consider well the pit from whence we were dug, and the rock from whence we were hewn. (Isa. 51: 1). Let us walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called with meekness and lowliness of mind (Eph. 4: 1, 3).

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As we look back over the year of 1931 and count our blessings, the victories won, think of the volume of books, tracts, pamphlets and papers that have been printed and circulated through the gracious upholding hand of God, we rejoice in spirit because God reveals Himself to the lowly little things and has hidden Himself from the wise and prudent of this world. On every hand we hear people crying, "Oppressing hard times". Thousands of business concerns have gone to the wall or bankruptcy during the year, yet God has graciously and mercifully sustained this printing work and has quickened us in doing a greater volume of business in the last year than any year previous. Subscriptions for the *Faith and Victory* has been steadily coming in, and letters telling of good done has increased: all this causes us to rejoice in God who is the Author of all good.

We do not speak or write of these things with any

thought of boasting in self. It is only to exalt the gracious goodness of our God whom we serve and whose we are. To be sure, we have had tests and trials of faith all along. Many, many times our visible supply has been reduced to less than a dollar, with large daily expense staring us in the face. Sometimes with no means at all—as we looked to God He has made a way where, to us naturally, there seemed to be no way. When we camped for a season, it was only for a season. When He opened the way, we moved on, and thus one victory after another has been won, and our souls have been satisfied. We start the New Year without any debt on the work from last year. To be sure, there is no surplus, but our faith is strong in God to carry the work on through the present year. The Psalmist David, in speaking of God's children, says "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied" (Psa. 37: 19). Truly, the Lord has kept us not ashamed in this evil world, and has satisfied us in the 'hard oppressing times' which the world in general is groaning under.

Those who have been co-operating with us in sending forth this gospel literature will have treasures laid up in heaven; their giving has not been in vain, as the means sent has been judiciously used in the work, and every precaution has been used to do the most good possible with the least expense. By experience and God giving knowledge, we know that Satan hates a work like this, and he will do his best to keep folks from sending means to spread this truth, and those who do get victory over him and send means, he will work in many cunning ways to get them to cease. But our faith, by His grace, reaches above Satan and we claim victory for all souls who are willing at heart to do God's bidding.

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The Lord is not permitting us to forget the good spiritual Assembly meeting given us here at Guthrie during the holidays. There were several ministers here from Mo. as follows: Sister Anderson of Springfield, Mo.; Bros. John Strech and Wilson of Neosho, Mo. They all gave us good instruction and advice from the pulpit. Dear old Bro. Helm was here from Anthony, Kansas. He is very feeble, but loves the truth and said, he would rather be here in this meeting with the saints than any where he knew of. He is a dear old Brother, and has been preaching this gospel for years, spending the most of his life in the service of God. He is bringing forth fruit in old age; his presence was an inspiration to all the saints.

There were nearly twenty ministers present. We had ministers' meeting every morning during the last

few days of the meeting. Among other things brought up and considered was the question of life insurance. Considerable time was taken up on this subject, as it seems that some of our good brethren are needing reproof on this line. All the ministers present, as far as could be learned, were against life insurance or anything else that showed a lack of faith in God, and there seems to be no danger of them taking up with those who are leaning that way, but they rather have a reproof for them for their lack of faith and confidence in God to supply all our needs. Saints, who are living with faith in God, will not be permitted to suffer more than they are able to bear, without escape. Anyone is certainly taking plenty of authority to legislate contrary to generally accepted truth. Jesus reproved the disciples for their little faith. He says, "Oh! ye of little faith." Luke 12: 28.

It has been universally taught and practised among us that saints should not send for a doctor or take medicine when sick, but trust God through prayer to heal them, and God has been verifying His promises and healing those that trusted alone in Him. Yet there is no scripture that says, "Thou shalt not call a doctor or take medicine"; however, the very tenor of Scriptures teaches us against those things, and the Spirit of Christ within us knows that God does not need man's drugs to heal us, so also with many other things (2 Cor. 7: 1). Tobacco is not named, but the scriptures teaches against filthiness of the flesh, and against defiling and injuring your body, and we know that tobacco is both injurious and filthy, so we resist it as an evil thing. Life insurance likewise is not named in the Bible, but it does teach us to lay up our treasures in heaven (Luke 12: 34) and to put our trust in God and not in the arm of flesh, to take no thought for the morrow, (Matt. 6: 34) to pray for our daily bread and not 'old age bread', and teaches us to leave our "fatherless children and widows to Him" (Jer. 49: 11). Knowing this truth and many others, we readily see that God would be displeased for us to distrust God and try to secure our future care by faith in earthly companies which is the arm of flesh.

We have a tract entitled, "Life Insurance" which gives some truth on this subject, and shall be glad to send it to any one desiring it. There are many ways by which men can become conformed to this world. We keep a tender conscience toward God by careful obedience to His word. The "liberty of conscience" doctrine will cause one to ride over the finer teachings of His word, and their conscience will soon become so seared and not troubled that it will be easy for them to "build again the things they once destroy-

ed" (Gal. 2: 18). Brethren, let us deny ourselves, and suffer with Jesus the scoff and scorn of the proud professors. If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. Keep dead and your life hid with Christ in God and none of these things will move you.

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It is needless for any one to think that the "Church" is going down, for "the gates of hell shall not prevail against her". Satan has always tried to keep her hid from men, piling up much rubbish in trying to hide the City from view. He has always got a few to apostatize and lead disciples off with them, and we need not be surprized about his stirrings. The Church of God or the family of God is marching right on in the lowly humble ways of God, and there will be a remnant here when Jesus comes. Do not be troubled about seemingly important ones letting down and drifting; many are loving this present world. Iniquity is abounding and the love of many is waxing cold. Keep your anchor of faith in God and do not trust in the perishing things of earth. It will be far better for you to give all your time, talent and possessions, labor all your days for the Lord, and finally die in a poorhouse than to live to the flesh with your trust in earthly things, and at the last hear these words, "Depart from me, I never knew you". We are exhorted in the Word: "If riches increase, set not thine heart upon them, but be rich in good works. As ye have received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him."

Brethren and sisters, pray for us and the printing work which He has laid upon our hearts to do. God has put Divine love in our hearts for every one of you, and we count you and us as laborers together with God. We mean to obey His voice at any cost.

#### BOOK WANTED!

If any of our readers have the book entitled, "Cleansing Of The Sanctuary", and would sell it, write to Bro. Paul Gibson, 1152 W. State St., Springfield, Mo.

#### Souls Are Dying

Dear young saints of God, awaken!  
Precious time is passing fast;  
Up and work for souls immortal,  
'Ere the harvest-time be past.

We are each a missionary,  
Though not sent to foreign lands;  
If not called to preach the gospel,  
We can labor with our hands.

We may speak some word of comfort  
 To a weary, sin-tossed soul;  
 We may do some deed of kindness,  
 Help some pilgrim reach the goal.

If we have no other talent—  
 We the prayer of faith can pray,  
 And the Lord will give the answer  
 In His own good time and way.  
 — Sel. by C. Eck.

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## Fear

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“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” Mal. 4: 2.

Feeling the burden upon my heart, I believe God would have me write some on this very important subject. Now, listen to what the prophet said, “But unto YOU that fear my name.” Thank God, I am glad it takes in all that do this, and to what are they like? Calves of the stall which are lively, full of life. Yes, some one may say, I knew God’s people should be a lively people. Very well, but not the levity or foolishness of this world, but lively stones built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 2: 5). We don’t rejoice in iniquity, but in the truth. (1 Cor. 13: 6). For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Psa. 111: 10), and by it men depart from evil (Prov. 16: 6).

Now, I am quite sure the real fear of God upon our hearts will cause us to act right, speak right, think right and dress right. We hear quite a good deal said on dress, I believe the fear of God will cause us to study well the life of Jesus and strive to act, think, speak and dress as near like He would as possible.

It is needed in the home. It will make the husband love his wife as Christ loved the Church, (Eph. 5: 25) and will nourish and cherish her as the Lord the Church, (verse 29) and not be bitter against her. Col. 3: 19. While God has put him as head over the wife, yet the fear of God will not permit the husband to be a tyrant or use a tyrannical rule or governorship over her. He will love her so well that he will take her in his heart as his helpmate and treat her as the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3: 7).

Likewise, the fear of God upon the heart of the wife will cause her to reverence her husband, and love him so dearly that she will look to him to be her pro-

tector and comfort in life, that they may be heirs together of the grace of life that their prayers be not hindered (1 Pet. 3: 7).

The fear of God is very needful in the Church of God. It will keep down back-biting, jealousy, self-esteem, division, and many other things that hinder in the Church. We hear quite a little about life insurance and the dress question. I believe the real fear of God will forever settle those things in our hearts. Listen, we should follow His steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth (1 Pet. 2: 21, 22). Think about Jesus taking out life insurance or dressing up in the styles of this old sinful world! O beloved reader, surely the fear of God upon our hearts would keep us far from such; but there is a people in the world who have no fear of God before their eyes, (Rom. 3: 18) but of such, destruction and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known (verse 16, 17).

But some may say the Bible says, perfect love casts out fear, and fear hath torment (1 John 4: 18). Very true, it says this; but read the 17th verse, “that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.” I believe the apostle had reference to the judgment, that the fear of God in our hearts works a holy reverence of love, inasmuch that we have no fear of meeting Him at the great judgment seat of Christ, and that we might serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life (Luke 1: 74, 75). Without fear; why? Because, when we are holy and righteous, we fear not to meet the Lord. There are some things we are not to fear in this life. We are not to fear what man shall do unto us (Heb. 13: 6). Also fear not him that can only destroy this body and hath no more that he can do, but rather fear Him that can destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt. 10: 28, also Luke 12: 4).

It is a fact that there are two kinds of fear. One is a fear of love and reverence for God which brings freedom and victory. The other is a slavish fear of bondage, no freedom and no victory. But thank God, He is able to deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage, (Heb. 2: 15) and is able to destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil. Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. That is a godly fear of holy reverence to His commandments (Heb. 4: 1). Such freedom and victory comes in the heart and life, that takes out the fear of death and the judgment.

O dear reader, have you that godly fear upon your

heart? If so, then you are like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season (Psa. 1: 3). Then let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil (Eccl. 12: 13, 14). Let us serve God with reverence and godly fear, for our God is a consuming fire.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. — H. W. White

## Losing Means Finding

“Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Matt. 16: 25)

“Jesus answered them saying, the hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: If any man serve me, him will my Father honor” (John 12: 23- 26).

We learn by looking at nature that the seed that decays in the ground is the seed that takes root and grows, and brings forth fruit in time. We also know that the egg that has life in itself is the egg that hatches. Also, we know that it is the acorn without the worm in it that will grow if planted. In the case of the acorns, they all have the life of the tree in them, same as other seed, but an insect has laid a little life germ in most every blossom, and if we gather them we find many holes before long, where the worms have eaten their way out. Those acorns will never grow like a good sound acorn. It will never become a good big tree and bear seed.

The Word of God likens saints to trees of righteousness, and they are the planting of the Lord. There are not saints but those who have seen themselves lost and undone before a just God, and they everyone had to repent and confess and forsake their sins before they were made a new creature in Christ Jesus the Lord. We could liken the acorns to ourselves while in sin, with a little worm gnawing at our very life, so that we would never be a tree of righteousness in the garden of God. The enemy of man has planted a seed of evil in each one of our hearts, and as soon as we are able to know anything, we find that we have done

something that we feel guilty of. This was because sin had been planted in our heart by the enemy of mankind. But heaven has provided a cure for every one of us, if we will come the Bible way and let Jesus cleanse and restore us, that we may have eternal life abiding in our heart. If we still live on in our sin, we are of no more account to God than the little acorn is with the worm that is eating its life away. The acorn was intended to become a nice flourishing oak tree that would last many long years, but here it is destroyed by one little worm. So we, all mankind, have been created to fill a place in long, long eternity, but how many are letting their life be destroyed by the worm of sin! Hell was never prepared for man, but for the devil and his angels, yet all who will not look to Jesus and be delivered from sin, will surely be cast out with them, and remain with them through long, long eternity. So, sin destroys a life that was intended to live on and glorify its Creator. Jesus has come to destroy the works of the enemy and set every repenting sinner free from Satan's control.

Jesus said, “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” If we give up this world-loving life, this sin-loving life that Jesus may come into our heart and change us into new creatures in Himself, make us into trees of righteousness, then we will have the peace of God abiding in our heart and the joy of heaven right here in this life, and we will be ready and waiting for His appearance in the clouds to receive us unto Himself.

“Seed sown on the good ground brings forth 30, some 60 and some 100 fold.” This is because the life of God is in the soul of the saint. Yes, when God has His right-of-way in our lives, we will flourish as the trees planted in good soil. For He puts life, strength and power into each one that comes to Him, and He waters them with the water of life and with the dews of heaven. Yes, in the hand of God there is life and deliverance from sin. That worm that gnaws out the very life must be nipped in the bud. It must be destroyed by the power of God, then life, peace and joy may reign and we'll live on through all eternity. This change must take place in us if we are to be a blessing in this world. Sin must not reign in our mortal bodies. Sin must cease, for us to live with Jesus Christ in this world and in the world to come—eternity.

— I. Edith Kriebel.

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Psa. 37: 3, 4).



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## The Narrow Way

The Lord Jesus has my sins all lifted,  
Made my heart as white as snow;  
O glory be to Him most gifted,  
Who came to dwell on earth below.

To suffer pain beyond expression,  
And die for our immortal soul.  
O help our lives beyond all question,  
We may live to reach that goal.

Truly God still has a people  
Scattered thither o'er this earth,  
Willing to live by all the Bible,  
Hungriily reading verse by verse.

O yes, the pathway's straight and narrow—  
'Tis the same one Jesus trod.  
But why should we complain of sorrow?  
Are we better than our God?

'Tis a pleasure, yes, to serve Him—  
Old and feeble, young and gay;  
When once their sins they have forsaken,  
By God's help they can securely stay.

Traveling onward, yes, and upward,  
Digging deeper day by day,  
Never looking back but forward—  
Many times a day we pray,  
Waiting for that last great day.  
— Hope Embly.

## We Are Relation

Dear young people: I feel like writing a few lines to you through the pages of our young people's section.

I wish to say that I am saved, sanctified and living for God the best I know by His help.

I have been thinking about our relationship to God and each other. In Mark 3: 35 Jesus says, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister, and mother." This is a blessed tie. God is our Father and Jesus is our Brother, and not only a Brother, but our Captain and Leader, leading us on to victory, and one whom we can safely follow.

If we will just step in the foot-steps of Jesus, we will surely reach heaven.

I wonder if we would have followed Jesus while He was here on earth, and go through the many things He did? I am sure we could if we would say, "Not my will, but thine be done," as Jesus said. We probably will never be nailed to a cross or go through the many things that Jesus did, yet the same Father that Jesus had to help Him is willing to help us through the trials which we have here now. We can pray to the same Father that Jesus did, and receive the same help.

It is wonderful to know our relationship with Jesus and our God. We are heirs with God and joint heirs with Jesus (Rom. 8: 17). It will be a wonderful family when we all meet in heaven to part no more. Dear young people, I am determined not to break my relationship with my Lord and God.

Let us all be encouraged and stand true, because God's grace is as free as the air.

My heart also is burdened for others to come into this family. I am sure you will find a Father who will understand your every need and will help you at all times. He never goes to sleep, but He watches over us and is ready to answer our call if we will put our trust in Him. I pray that every soul who reads this that is not a legal son or daughter of God will think seriously a while about this matter and give your heart to God and become His child.

He will not only be a Father, but also a confidant; a real close Friend, because He sent His Son to die for each one individually, so He is interested in each and every one. His ear is not heavy that it cannot hear. (Isa. 59: 1).

Let each one of us do our duty, and not make our relationship with God one-sided, but let us return our love and service, and be diligent in bringing more sons and daughters into this one great family.

Your Sister in Christ, — Anna Marie Pruitt

## EDITORIAL NOTES

We, the young people here at the Office, fully realize that the Lord is doing His part in making this little section a blessing to all the young people who read, and who are really interested in their own spiritual welfare. Many remarks of satisfaction have come to us from young Christians here and there, and we

pray that God will stir each one to obey Him in regard to this section; not only for the encouragement of young Christians, but also that the multitude of young people who know nothing of Christ may learn of Him. (When you read this paper, then let someone else read it for their benefit).

Several older saints have expressed their approval of the interest shown by the young people in having a section of their own, and they each one want to encourage the young people in their decision to obey the Lord.

The following excellent paragraphs were selected from the book entitled, *Imitation of Christ*, written by Thomas A Kempis several hundred years ago. They are very good for the young as well as the old, so obtain your share. Meditate on these until you comprehend their full meaning, then examine your life and profit thereby.

“Appropriate a convenient part of time to retirement and self-converse, and frequently meditate on the wonderful love of God in the redemption of man. Reject all studies that are merely curious; and read what will penetrate the heart with holy compunction, rather than exercise the brain with useless speculation.”

“Keep thy eye turned inwardly upon thyself, and beware of judging the actions of others. In judging others, a man labors to no purpose, commonly errs, and easily sins: but in examining and judging himself, he is always wisely and usefully employed.”

“We generally judge of persons and things as they either oppose or gratify our private views and inclinations; and, blinded by self-love, are easily led from the judgment of truth. If God alone was the pure object of all our intentions and desires, we should not be troubled when the truth of things happens to be repugnant to our own sentiments: but now, we are continually drawn aside from truth and peace by some partial inclination lurking within, or some apparent good or evil rising without.”

“He is truly good, who hath great charity; he is truly great, who is little in his own estimation, and rates at nothing the summit of worldly honor: he is truly wise, who ‘counts all earthly things but as dross, that he may win Christ:’ and he is truly learned, who hath learned to abandon his own will, and do the will of God.”

“‘He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.’ These are the words of Christ; by which we are taught, that it is only by a conformity to His life and spirit that we can be truly enlightened, and delivered from all blindness

of heart: let it, therefore, be the principal employment of our minds to meditate on the life of Christ.”

Frequently call to mind the observation of Solomon, that ‘the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing;’ and let it be thy continual endeavor to withdraw thy heart from the love of ‘the things that are seen,’ and to turn it wholly to ‘the things that are not seen:’ for he who lives in subjection to the sensual desires of animal nature defiles his spirit, and loses the grace of God.” — L. D. P.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE YOUNG

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. (Ecc. 12: 1) Rejoice, a young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee unto judgment. Therefore, remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh, for childhood and youth are vanity (Ecc. 11: 9- 10). Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word (Psa. 119: 9). Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Tim. 4: 12). Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth (Col. 3: 2). Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil. 4: 8). And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4: 7). — Susie Whipple.

Ontario, Calif. —Dear saints of God: I am so glad I have the privilege of writing my testimony in this little paper. I praise His dear name for it.

My heart is rejoicing in the Lord to-night for His saving grace and keeping power, and what He is to me. I have not been in this way long, but the Lord has been such a help in trials and trouble. I do not feel one bit discouraged. I find this way growing brighter each day.

Please pray for me that I do the Lord’s will at all time and answer His faintest call.

Your young Sister in Christ, —Helen Atha

## Extracts From Our Mail

A Brother, who lives in New Jersey and is very much interested in the salvation of souls sends us four subscriptions for the Faith and Victory paper, wanting it sent to some of his Sunday School class. This is a good way to keep Sunday School boys and girls interested in the truth. They will read the truth of the gospel and see how others have gotten saved, and how the Lord is blessing and keeping them, and it will be helpful to themselves.

This young Brother is holding cottage prayer meetings, and the Lord is blessing his labors. There is no need of any one saying that they do not know how to get into the Lord's work. There is work all around you; many souls are lost and others need encouragement. Just go to work where you are. Get a bunch of gospel tracts, give them out to the people, and talk and pray with those who are interested. God will bless your labors. You do not need to be hooked up to anything except God; you will need Him if you do any good. Seek God until you are filled with His Spirit and endued with power from on High, and then go to work. Jesus says, "Say not that there are four months until harvest; look on the fields, they are already white to harvest." I pray the Lord to send laborers into His harvest field, for the laborers are few.

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A Brother living in Mo. sends in an order for twenty of the song books.

He is using them in cottage prayer-meetings in his city. He says that the interest is good, and he has hopes and is praying that God will add many numbers to the fold. He also sent in some names and addresses for the Faith and Victory paper.

There are a few souls scattered here and there that are zealous for the Lord in a godly manner, and they are giving their very life for the cause of Christ and for souls that need God. It is good to be zealous in a good cause. The worldly minded will not praise nor honor these humble servants of the Lord, but it is far better to have the smiles and approval of God upon our souls than all the honor the world might bestow. "The harvest is white, and the laborers are few." Set to work for God in your own neighborhood. Give them a gospel tract and talk to those whom you can; pray for them that need prayer. Willing hands and willing hearts can find plenty to do for God. There are not many souls in the world that are really saved and in touch with God. God needs you in His vineyard. Begin to use "that which is in your hand"

El Paso, Texas. —Faith Pub. House: Please find enclosed 50 cents, for which please send your paper, Faith and Victory, for one year to the following addresses \* \* \* \* \*

Your little paper is wonderful. I am hoping to put it in many homes this year.

Yours, in His service, —Mrs. E. Swihart

Hammond, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings this morning in the love of Jesus. This finds us saved and with a determination to live for the good Lord. Surely we have trials and some dark days, but the sun is always shining just behind the clouds. Truly we are thankful to our dear Savior for the way He is caring for us, and not only us but all those who will commit themselves into His care. The Lord has been good to us this winter, giving us well bodies so that we have been able to keep about our daily work. We surely praise the Lord for this, for there has been much sickness here and other places.

We got the *Faith and Victory* yesterday. I almost read it through last night. Surely enjoyed it. The young people's section was especially interesting to me. I surely pray that the dear Lord will keep His hand upon them and raise up a young people who will not be afraid to carry on the work of the Lord clean and pure. I believe there will be a few who will yet stand for the old-time faith.

Dear ones, do not fail to cry aloud against everything that the devil is trying to impose upon the true Church of God. Surely, it makes us feel sad when we yet see some of the old-time ministers letting down. Dear ones, time is too short, too many souls going into eternity; there is no time to be spent in discussing things that we know God is not pleased with. He has promised to care for His children. Let us keep our faith and trust in Him, and prove to this world that there is a God who will care for us.

We would like to see all of you. Be encouraged, hold up the standard, never let down and we are sure that the Lord will ever be with you.

Pray for us that we will live a better life each day. We realize it takes a close walk with God to live just pleasing in His sight.

With much Christian love, —Robt. & Elma Forbes

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E. Akron, Ohio—Dear young saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This leaves me saved and sanctified and satisfied, and still encouraged to live for the Lord. I am a young girl seventeen years old. I got saved when I was sixteen years old and have been saved ever since. I thank the Lord that the

young can live saved as well as the old. I realize that there aren't but a few young people trying to live for the Lord. They are not willing to give up the pleasures of this world, yet it won't last but a little while. When we are saved, we have love, peace, joy and we have no desire for the pleasures of this world. I thank the Lord for it.

I enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory*; it is food to my soul. I like to read mostly the young people's section; it has many encouraging things to read. We that are saved, let us keep prayerful, read the Bible and fast that the Lord might keep us saved so that our light might shine to those in darkness, and show to them the reality in serving a true and a living God. It is possible. By the help and the grace of God, we can do this each and every day. I realize that we are helpful one to the other, so let us pray for each other that we might be what the Lord would have us to be. I pray that the Lord may help all of you.

Your Sister in Christ, — Zenola Jones.

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Peru, Nebr. —My dear Sister and Bro. Pruitt: I am sending you 25 cents for you to send the *Faith and Victory* to Mr. A. R. Grossame. His dear old mother passed away with these words, "Oh! I'm so happy in Jesus! Praise the Lord," repeated it, and then went sweeping thru the gates to Glory. Praise our dear Savior for such a glorious dying testimony, and how I do wish there were more folks who would find Jesus. Jesus says, seek and ye shall find.

While this young man was trying to find Jesus, his dear old father knelt down by him and said, "Son, if you'll mean business with God, He will mean business with you," then the young man got through. God is indeed on His throne, and there to bless if only we will mean 'business' with God.

Pray for me. I want to mean 'business' with God that husband and my four healthy children will get saved, so we can all go to Glory, and that while here on earth, we might do our Master's bidding.

May God abundantly bless all you dear workers, and that dear souls will be added to God's holy Church which is without spot or blemish. Praise our God from whom all blessings flow.

Your Sister, —Mrs. Jesse Sultzbaugh

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Richland, Mo. —Dear saints and readers: Tonight I am praising God for salvation. Glad I ever came to Jesus and found the only real satisfaction, for truly salvation satisfies every longing of the heart. Dear ones, I am decided for heaven; I mean to go right on until the crown is won. This world with all its

sinful pleasures, fashions and pride does not attract me. My desire is to follow Jesus, to live, talk, dress and act in the way that is pleasing to God and a light to poor sinners.

Let us watch and pray, and look to the Lord for grace to keep us patient and kind to all at home and abroad. One impatient or cross word from one who professes to be saved may discourage some one who may be thinking of getting saved. So let us be careful, for when one fails to be a help and light to souls in sin, the devil may tempt them to think there is no one living as they should, and try to keep them from ever coming to the Lord. Let us be very careful, dear saints; the people are looking for a people who are living right, so let us dress, speak, and act in a way that the Lord wants us to, so that we will not be a stumbling-block to anyone.

Dear ones, pray for me that I live true to the Lord. I love to meet with the saints of God, but do not live where we can be in meetings, yet I am decided to live for Jesus and want to work for Him who has done so much for me and for all who have come to Him.

Anyone who reads this letter that is unsaved, sad and discouraged, to you I want to say that Jesus is your friend, the only one who can lift you up out of sin and give you rest, joy and peace in your heart. Jesus is the friend of sinners; come to Him, seek Him and get saved before too late. When you come to the place where you want salvation more than you want anything in this world, seek Him with all your heart, He will come to your rescue.

Dear saints, be encouraged to live for Jesus. He will help you through every trial, and never will let us have more than we can bear (1 Cor. 10: 13). Let us seek God's grace that we endure to the end and receive a crown of life and reign with Him and His children forever.

Your Sister, — Becky Brown.

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Homestead, Okla. —Dear saints: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus.

I am glad that God saved me when He did; He cleaned me up from the smallest to the largest evil. The smallest sin was large enough to cause me to go to hell. I praise God for His mercy. I settled it in my heart to serve God and obey His word. I never had a desire to go back on my Lord and serve the old master who brought condemnation on me. I did things that he made me do, but Jesus gives me peace and joy when I obey and do His will. Praise His holy name.

I love my Savior, for He came all the way from Glory to earth to bring you and me out of bondage.

Be encouraged, brother and sister, He still loves His own, and He loves them to the end. If we really love the Lord we will prove it by obeying His word and have faith in God not only for our soul, but also for the body. The world loves its own and trusts in its own, even for the support of their own after their death. Dear brother and sister, let us stand true, trust and have faith in God. "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14: 15).

Dear saints of God, we have a high calling, so let us lift 'up God's high standard for the people, although many may part from the faith. Time is short; it seems the end is at hand. Press on, be faithful and true.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, —A. J. Hiebert

La Harpe, Kansas. —My dear readers: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad that I have the privilege of writing my testimony in this little paper. I can still say I am serving the Lord and standing on the promises of God. I'm so glad that Jesus planned such a wonderful salvation for all, young and old.

It's a sad condition all over the world to see the people taking the broad road to hell, and seeing such a few people taking the narrow way to heaven. The Book says: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24: 15). People are going on heedless, rejecting God's wonderful mercy every day, not stopping to think where their pathway will end. The time is so very, very short and yet people are not taking heed and are still rejecting God.

I know Jesus is very good to me—saves, sanctifies and keeps me. My prayer is to see souls saved and serve the Lord. Let us all pray and do His will at all times for His name's sake.

Your friend, Verna Merryman.

Calif. —Dear co-workers: I am praising God today for Bible salvation and for answering prayer. I thank and praise God for a praying people—His people.

I wrote some time ago and asked prayer as I was sick. God is wonderfully helping me and I am much encouraged to love and serve God. I feel like following on and being true to Him who gave His life for me. I am glad that there is glory in the cross of Christ.

Thanks for your prayers and the encouraging letter that you sent me, also the tracts. God bless you again and again, and please remember me in prayer.

— F. B. Jones.

Chillicothe, Ohio. —At the beginning of this new year, we greet all the dear saints, both old and young,

in Christian love, praying that God's richest blessings may be showered down from heaven on each one, both temporally and spiritually, throughout the year of 1932.

I am thankful that the young people are taking such noble interest in God's good work. I love to read their precious testimonies; it is good soul-food for all saints. May the Lord bless and keep them ever under the shadow of His wing, and keep them encouraged in the Lord's work, is my sincere prayer.

— Nannie Hagely

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## ANTITHESIS OF CHURCH OF GOD AND SECTS

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

What is a sect? Any institution that does not include all the saints of heaven and earth in its membership. For example, does the Methodist denomination, to which I used to belong, include all the family of God? If so, then there are no Christians outside of that particular sect. To admit that there are saved people outside of it, is to admit that that denomination is a sect. In talking with one of our circuit riders years ago, he said he thanked God for all the denominations of earth, for it took them all to complete the gospel Church. If so, then the sects taken together include all the saved in heaven and earth; but they do not, and they know better. There are thousands in paradise that never belonged to a sect, and thousands on earth who do not hold membership in any sect, and yet they are saints of the Most High God, and their names are in heaven. Luke 10: 20 says, rejoice not that spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. The names of all who hold membership in the Church of God are written in heaven in the Book of Life (Phil. 4: 3). The Lord shall count when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there (Psa. 87: 6), but on the other hand, all sects write their members' names in a book "in the earth". "All they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the fountain of living waters" (Jer. 17: 13).

Again, if it takes all the sects to compose the Church of God, where was His Church before they arose? But thank God, His Church was in existence 1500 years before the first Protestant sect was organized. To teach a relationship between the sects and Church of God is to make the Word of God a lie, and become guilty of heresy. God help all honest souls to hear the voice of God, "Come out of her, my people,

that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18: 4). All the saved belong to one body (Col. 1: 18); "we being many are one body in Christ" (Rom. 12: 5). There is one body and one spirit (Eph. 4: 4) or one body (1 Cor. 12: 12), baptized into one body (verse 13), reconciled in one body (Eph. 2: 16), called in one body (Col. 3: 15). One body proved only one church, one in Christ, then all other bodies are out of Christ. We abide only in the one body (the Church of God) and reject all others as antichrist. Christ is the head of but one body; no sect has Christ for its head. They all have human heads. Salvation makes us members of the Church of God, but not of any sect, and the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2: 47).

Jesus said, "I am the door; by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (Jno. 10: 9). Church and kingdom are practically the same. Conversion puts us into the kingdom (Matt. 18: 3); by the new birth we enter the kingdom (Jno. 3: 3-5). The moment a person is saved, he is a member of the Church of God. Does that make him a member of the Baptist, Dunkard, Methodist, or any other sect? No, never; for one must join to become a member of any sect institution: hence, they are not orthodox, as some sects claim to be. The only way to become a member of the Church of God is to get salvation, but that does not make him a member of any sect.

There is not a sinner in the Church of God. We stay in there as long as we stay saved, but the moment we commit sin, we are out. God holds the blotter; no man can put us in, and no man can put us out. "Who-soever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book" (Ex. 32: 33). He that committeth sin is of the devil (1 Jno. 3: 8). The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezek. 18: 4). Christ takes the members into His Church. The preacher takes the members into his sect. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him (1 Cor. 12: 18). No sect preacher can put a member in the Church of God, or put one out. "Who (God) hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son" (Col. 1: 13). Men can preach the Word, instruct souls in the way of righteousness, but inducting us into the Church is the work of the Almighty. Their excuse is, the Lord takes them into the invisible church, but the preacher takes them into the visible church. This is heresy, for the Church of God existed several hundreds of years before there was a professed Christian sect to join.

Is the Church of God an invisible body of believers? No, Jesus likened it to a city set on a hill that

cannot be hid. Has sectism made the church visible? No, they have covered it over with human rubbish and hid it for a time from the people, but God's true ministers are applying the torch of truth to their human rubbish. They say, we believe in the unity of the invisible church; well, we believe also in the unity of the visible church. For example, we hold a meeting in some locality and fifty souls are saved. They follow the Lord in baptism, assemble themselves together and partake of the ordinances of the house of God, worship Him in the spirit of holiness: is not this visible unity? Is it not Divinely organized?

But now suppose, some sectarian (wolf) got in among the flock and inculcate in their minds a schismatic spirit, and ten of them send for a Methodist preacher to organize a Methodist sect, ten send for a Baptist, ten for a Dunkard, ten for a Nazarene and ten for a Free Methodist. They come and set up their organizations: what have they done? Have they made the Church more visible? No, never, but they have disorganized it. Their names were all written in heaven in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21: 27), but now they are written in the earth. "Oh! Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters" (Jer. 17: 13). The general assembly and church of the firstborn are written in heaven. (Heb. 12: 23). But in sect Babylon each denomination has a book of their own in which they write their members' names. The Church of God unites believers while sects divide and scatter.

The New Testament is our discipline; all have the same faith and doctrine. God set every one of the members in the body (His Church). 1 Cor. 12: 18, "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular, and God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers. After that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." All the above gifts are divinely ordered and placed in the body of Christ. The Emphatic Diaglott says, all are not prophets, all are not teachers, all do not speak with tongues, etc.

*(To be Continued)*

"Do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." —Paul.

He that is faithful to reprove and to teach the plain truth to the souls of men, manifests greater love than he who flatters, pretends to love and withholds judgment.

— Ed.

## Will This Earth Pass Away, And Be No More?

(F. M. Fowler, *Part One*)

Some Millennial teachers base their hopes on Eccl. 1:4.\*\*\*“but the earth abideth forever.” We will give another scripture which will make this plain as lasting for a time only. “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease” (Gen. 8:22). This is to be while the earth remains. Both the Old and the New Testament teaches that this earth will pass away. “Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands they shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them and they shall be changed:” (Psa. 102:25,26.) “For a fire is kindled in mine anger; and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.” (Duet. 32:22.) New Testament. “And Thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.” (Heb. 1:10-12.) Jesus says it shall pass away (Mat. 24:35). Peter says it shall be burned up. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2 Pet. 3:10. V. 7) “And I saw a great white throne, and he that sat on it from whose face the earth and heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them.” (Rev. 20:11.)

These scriptures positively prove the utter destruction of the earth. We have been asked why we ignored Rev. 20:5 and 7. in the article, *The Gentile Age*. In reply, we positively have not ignored these scriptures. They are highly symbolized and have their place and meaning in the New Testament. The first verse reads, “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.”

When Jesus Christ came to this world the heathen

religion was pagan; this was the power by which the whole world was deceived. Jesus Christ with His pure apostolic ministry made war against it, and with this chain of His eternal truth He bound it and cast it down and set up His Church or kingdom instead thereof. Then God's saints reigned upon earth. But this Dragon was to deceive the nations no more till the thousand years expired. Remember, there came an apostasy, but it was not old pagan Rome by which the world was then deceived. But during this period of darkness it was papal Rome which reigned about 1260 years. During this time the reign on earth ceased and the Church was in the wilderness, and the man child which caught up this reign of saints and martyrs was with Christ in Paradise. “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (Not on earth, but with Christ). But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousands years were finished. This is the first resurrection;” resurrected from spiritual death unto spiritual life in Christ. It makes men holy. “And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (made alive, Eph. 2:1). Jesus said, “Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:60). Here is represented both literal and spiritual death, because a dead man could not bury a dead man. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” During the reign of Catholicism the saints were martyred. In this time there was a great spiritual famine and the gospel was not allowed to be preached, which is the source of spiritual life. Therefore, the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations, (Rev. 13:7) and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months,” reaching to about 1530 A. D. At this time he was to be loosed a little season and go out to deceive the nations. So you see that the binding of the dragon has already taken place, and he is now loosed. He has now established hundreds of divisions and calls them churches, and his agents say God's people must join some one of them in order to have a home, teaching for doctrines the commandments

of men.

There is but one Church, and it was built by Christ and He is the door. All the redeemed belong to it; all who are members of it are born into it. There is no other way of salvation. The New Testament is its discipline; in it we find its doctrine. "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and thy law is the truth." Psa. 119: 142. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17. All these human frauds are now uniting against the true Church of God. Read Rev. 20: 8- 10, and you will see how this conflict will end, which shall soon take place. We are now living under the sixth seal, when the seventh trumpet sounds, then our world shall be no more.

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## The Bag Of Beans

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On a summer Sunday evening, many years ago, a young man walked the streets of London, downcast and weary. He had been living a fast life, with the usual result of a tarnished character and an emptied purse. He was to sail for New York the following morning, and a Christian friend, who had vainly sought to arrest him in his downward course, pleaded with him to spend his last night in England hearing Rowland Hill preach.

Surrey Chapel was filled that evening with an eager crowd, brought together to hear the faithful, but often grotesque, preaching of that earnest man. It may have been curiosity that led the young man there, but at any rate he found himself seated in the congregation. Mr. Hill's text was: "We are not ignorant of his devices." After reading it, he abruptly proceeded.

"I was walking along the street the other day, and saw a drove of pigs following a man. This excited my curiosity, for, as you all know, pigs are uncommonly queer animals to drive, and if you want them to go one way they invariably take another. But this man seemed to have no difficulty; the pigs followed jostling and grunting after him as eager as possible. I followed on, and to my surprise I found they were going to the slaughter-house. They went in, and the door closed behind them. I waited till the man came out, and asked him how he had managed to lead them so easily. The man laughed and said,

" 'Maybe you did not see the bag of beans under my arm. I knew I would have a pretty morning's

work taking them there if I didn't humor them a bit, so I got some beans, which they are particularly fond of, and dropped them along the road. And you saw how they scampered along picking up the beans, never thinking they were going to the slaughter.' "

"And this is the way," continued the preacher, raising his voice, and turning his penetrating glance right on the pew where the young prodigal sat, "that the devil is leading some of you captives at his will down to hell. He knows full well how to please and lead you on. He drops his beans right along the road, and very soon, for you the last bean will be picked up; then the gates of hell will close behind you."

The young man was arrested on the spot. The story of the beans, with its striking application to the wiles and devices of the devil in ruining souls, by scattering the world's follies in their path, carried the arrow of conviction to his soul. Next day he sailed for New York, and anxiously his friend waited for news of his arrival, and at last it came. With joyful surprise he read,

"I am glad to tell you I am a converted man. The words of that earnest man, especially the opening words about the devil's beans, arrested and awakened me. I saw where I was going, how Satan was luring me on, and what my doom and destiny must be. By the grace of God I am saved, to follow a better leader, and walk in a new path. I shall ever thank God for that good man's words, which arrested me, and for the words of further help from one on board the ship, by which I was led to the Savior, just before I lost my soul forever."

Reader, are you being led on to death and hell by the devil's beans?

The "pleasures of sin," often very palatable, you will taste for the last time one day. Then the agonies of hell, the closing of hell's door behind you, the doom of the damned, your portion for ever. Today a God of love yearns over your soul, and wants to save you. Christ is able, ready and willing. "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?"

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4: 3, 4.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

— Sel.