

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Plant A Garden In 1932

Dear ones, if we have a talent,
Though as small as the widow's mite—
Do not let it lay around and rust,
Or bury it out of sight.
And on this subject that I'll tell,
Please ponder it long and deep;
Do not waste that time and talent
In idleness and sleep.

It may take perseverance,
Yet we need a good strong will;
If we do any good in this world,
We cannot sit down and be still.
We all have obligations—
Some duty to man and God.
Let's do our task of love each day,
Soon we'll rest beneath the sod.

Now my readers, I want to tell you
My plan as it came to me,
And the good it does, we cannot tell,
But I hope you all can see.
We may not have much money
To help the sick or poor,
But I think we could all plant a garden—
Or I mean, plant a little more.

Our workers—spread the Gospel,
While we read the printed page.
They need more means to carry it on
In this wild and thoughtless age.
Now, let us all get busy—
These workers help to feed;
If every one would try this plan,
There'll be no lack or need.

Let us all enlarge our garden,
And plant a little more;
And make our work for Jesus tell
More than it has done before.
I for one will plant some extra—
Just to help God's work along,
For it's only through God's goodness
That we are alive and strong.
— Goldie Finch

The Name Of The Lord

"Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever, and thy memorial throughout all generations." Psa. 135: 13.

While meditating upon the above passage of scripture, it dawned on our heart that there was no language among men that was able to express the power, the glory, the majesty, the might, and the holiness there is in the name of the Lord.

While we are clothed in this mortal flesh, we can only comprehend in part the excellency of the name of the Lord, for now we know in part but "when that which is perfect is come then, that which is in part shall be done away," but one thing God has given us to know, and that is that we should hold his name in reverence. For He gave commandment to the Israelites, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain," (Exod. 20:7). Years afterward when David was meditating upon the works of God, and praising Him for his greatness said, "He hath sent redemption unto His people. He hath commanded His covenant forever; Holy and reverend is his name". (Psa. 111:9) "His name" is refuge from the oppressor. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 18: 10.

There is healing in his name, "Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise

up and walk, and he took him by the right hand and lifted him up and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength, and he leaping up, stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." (Acts 3:6-8) The 16th verse says "and his name hath made this man strong."

There is salvation in his name. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12) And at his name "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

In Him we live and move and have our being; in His name the sick are raised. Yes, even the dead have been brought back to life in the name of the Lord. Thousands and thousands have met together in the name of the Lord, to worship and sing praises unto Him for his majestic holiness and for his wonderful deliverance. All prayers that are not offered in his name are but empty words. His name has been an inspiration to poets, all down through the ages and has been entwined in prose and in song. Take the name of Jesus out of song and earth loses its music. Take His name out of literature and you have nothing left but rubbish for most all history and documents are dated, B. C. or A. D. Jesus said, without me ye can do nothing, and again "If ye shall ask any thing in my name I will do it." His name is the source of power and authority. This old world moves on and is held in space by His command; the stars, and the planets keep their course.

When the last day shall come and the Herald shall cry, with one foot on the land and the other on the sea, that time shall be no more. Then all of them will be blessed who lived and died in the name of the Lord. And they shall be changed. Praise His name.

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you.
Take it then where'er you go."

— Ulysses Phillips

Revelation Of Christ

"Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13).

Our text suggests to our minds some things which may be revealed through Jesus Christ. It's wonderful to know we are saved from sin, and yet there are

heights and depths in the love of God that may be explored beyond our comprehension—only as we draw nigh to the blessed Christ. Jesus once said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." Oh, that sublime drawing, that sweet, inner throbbing of the soul, as the love of heaven is revealed to the parched heart that was described as a "desert" and now becomes a veritable pool filled with reeds and rushes. One glimpse of the dying Christ on Calvary's tree softens the hard heart, so that the love of God reaches down and reproduces its own nature, thus producing the new birth. To behold Christ on the cross means to behold His unfailing love that sinners may be saved from all sin. If the sinner does not resist, he will be drawn to Christ where the love of God will be poured into his heart. You in heart long for something better than what the world has to give. Recognizing this longing as the voice of God to your soul, you yield and the result is a portion of heaven down in your soul.

The humble and broken heart, subdued by genuine repentance, will appreciate something of His love and the cost on Calvary and will willingly offer restitution to satisfy the divine will of God. As your heart has been changed by power divine and the glory of heaven revealed, you begin to long and hunger for God's holiness—a deeper consecrated life. You see your life has been prompted by selfish motives. You have thought, perhaps, more highly of self than you ought to think; hence, a battle between self and the Holy Ghost for the mastery, but the 'old man' does not want to die, yet he must. You say, yes, to all the known will of God, and the crucifixion takes place, the veil is removed and all heaven comes in with that exultant glory—not in a new world, but the element of a new world in you. The old sinful nature is gone and replaced by the Divine nature.

The poet and the naturalist have many things to say about nature, but it is the Christian who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation, because he recognizes his Father's handiwork, and in this perceives his love in flower and shrub and trees. No one can fully appreciate the significance of hill and vale, river and sea, who does not look upon them as an expression of God's love to man. God's only object is to make man happy—make man to know that God is seeking to satisfy man's craving with nature and God working jointly together, showing the beauty of creation for mankind. Christ is revealed in all things to the heart which is filled with the love of God. To the pure all things are pure, because all things are of God; viewed from a holy heart, all things

are holy. You see God in everything—hence, a heaven on earth.

To gaze on the majesty of Christ, our mind is filled with both admiration and inspiration, deeper love fills our being, the nature of Jesus is planted in a deeper sense, and we become the express image of Jesus, the highest type of God's holiness, even like Him. To sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him is the natural, normal condition of a heart made pure by Divine power. In those times when one is quietly meditating, drinking in that inspiration of the sweetness of heaven, it leaves on the soul that sweetness which is so characteristic of Jesus and makes one long for the hour in which we are hid from the world in communion with our Maker. In the secret closet in prayer is where the revelation of Christ is so precious to the soul; there new beauties are beheld by the spiritual eye, there new thoughts are instilled in the heart and mind, both to live on and give out. Here the soul of man is perfumed with the rich graces of God, so that as he lives out this life the life of Christ is seen. A life that is lived in the will of God has that heavenly drawing, and a congregation living that way will not need to resort to mechanical means to get a crowd, but will cause hungry souls to ask for the 'old paths'. If the hidden life is in touch with God, our faith will be one of a perfect trust, even like Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him". We had rather die and go to Glory as to even think of not trusting Him while we live and when we die. If you get close enough and have enough of the blessed Christ revealed to you, you will be afraid to do anything else except trust God. You will "make no provision for the flesh" (Rom. 13: 14).

Keep that soul-thirst and keen appetite for God's word and secret prayer, and surely you will get much inspiration from the Divine truths revealed to you.

— E. M. Zinn.

'Twill Pay

In these days of depression, graft, and uneven wealth-distribution it is well to go to the One who fed the five thousand men, (not counting the women and children) and take His advice—to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost. The same miracle-working Lover of humanity is yet on the throne.

Go with me to an old box-car, the habitation of a father, mother and eight children. Mother is in bed with tiny babe, seemingly happy over the new arrival (isn't mother-love wonderful?). hardly covering e-

nough for ordinary weather, much less for 10 degrees below zero. Our motive is to win them to Jesus. He used the loaves and fishes: we used a comforter and other necessities to make an impression. Among the poor, is a chance for spiritual seed-sowing. The rich and established church members have need of nothing.

Some say, why don't they economize when they have a chance? We know many squander their earnings at picture-shows, for cigarettes, and other harmful indulgences. Solomon tells us to go to the ant thou sluggard and learn not to lay up treasures on earth where moth corrupt and steal, but to wisely lay in a supply of fuel, and food if possible when it is plentiful, so there will be no suffering of the innocent because of sloth, or neglect. He who is diligent in business in a righteous way will not neglect his soul, nor

When you drive into a yard, and see windows stuffed with rags, doors hanging on one hinge or no hinge at all; stockings, and other clothing scattered around the yard, (which should be washed, and mended or worked into bed-covering,) one, hardly knows what to say or do, only to look up for wisdom. Yes "gather up the fragments".

Feed the spiritual hungry, as physical. Redeem the time because the days are evil. Our Savior is wonderfully practical. We will certainly have to give account of our time and pennies. Are we laying up treasures in heaven? The rich man in hell is still craving a drop of water. Could he now exchange the wealth he once claimed for a satisfying drink, no words could picture his gratitude, but it's too late. We must be instant in season and out of season. The race will soon be run for the ones who have denied themselves for Jesus, and those who counted not their lives dear.

The rich man looked back and pitied his five brothers. He is still looking back, but those who have come up through great tribulation have been washed in the blood of the lamb. The faith missionaries, and those who are despised for JESUS' sake, because their dress, their diet, their conversation and conduct, are not in harmony with the world. They are a peculiar people. When they will look back, they certainly will have reason to say, "It paid! Glory be to God, and to the LAMB, who redeemed us, and washed us in HIS precious blood." Amen. —Marie Pauline Sass.

"Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." (Luke 6: 37, 38).

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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 a little late getting the March issue in the mail this month. We have been hindered some by a break-down on the Linotype machine. The piece broke, in a place that was hard to mend. The company asked \$21 for a new piece, and as we did not have the \$21 we sought someone that could weld it together. The first man we went to did not want to undertake it, but he recommended another man and so we took the piece to him, and he said he would weld it for a dollar. He welded it, and when we were putting it on the machine it broke where he had fixed it. We took it back to him, and as we did not feel like paying another dollar to get it fixed again, he got angry, cursed and swore. We decided to take it to someone else. The other man welded it for one dollar, and after he got it finished he found that he had it welded upside down, having to break it and weld it again. We have it on the machine now, and it is working. This is one of the 'ALL THINGS' which we count 'ALL JOY' in the printing work. (James 1:2)

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Many subscriptions have come in since sending out the February issue of *Faith and Victory*, also orders for rolls of papers, insomuch that the February issue was exhausted sometime before we got the March issue printed; for this reason some who subscribed had to wait and begin with the March paper.

We have printed a larger supply of this issue, so just be free to send for what you need. We are praying to the Lord for a folder machine to fold the *Faith and Victory* paper. A machine suitable for this purpose will cost somewhere near one thousand dollars. It is a much-needed machine for the "Lord's Print Shop".

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The first issue of *Faith and Victory* paper was printed nine years ago in this month and we feel greatly appreciative of God during all these years. When we built the present office building five years ago we were in need of a large cylinder press and also a tract folder and the Lord began to send in free-will offerings and in a short time we were able to buy the cylinder press which cost fifteen hundred dollars and the tract folder which cost nearly three hundred dollars. Most of those who sent in offerings for this needed machinery are still living and they realize that they are sharing with us in the spreading of the Gospel. It is very satisfying to one's soul to know that they have treasures laid up in heaven, that they have used their means in a manner that brings large dividends, as

these machines are continually working for the Lord, preparing and sending forth gospel messages that reaches many eternity-bound souls. Hardly a day passes but what we receive word from some soul who has been blessed by reading the tracts and papers, and often a soul will declare that God saved them through reading the literature. We just consider ourselves as one among the many whom God has chosen to keep this printing work going, as we know that every one who sends a free-will offering to this work is moved by the Spirit of God. Satan would move no one to support this work, as he hates to see the gospel being printed and sent forth in such a plain, clear manner. He is our enemy and the enemy of all righteousness. He will keep all whom he can from sending means to help it along. We rejoice to know that the God whom we serve is all-powerful and His power extends far above the power of the enemy, as He verifies His promises to us from day to day. Thank God for His love reigning in the hearts of the Redeemed.

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The apostle Paul said in one of his letters to the Corinthian brethren, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." It is very important for one to be fully persuaded in his own mind to accomplish anything in this world that is worth while. How much more important it is for us to be fully persuaded in our mind in spiritual things. People who render half-hearted service never accomplish very much in earthly things, neither do half-hearted persons accomplish much in spiritual things. The man or woman who prays through and becomes fully persuaded in his or her mind, will move on in the fear of God with boldness and fearlessness, and though they may seemingly be defeated at times, they will gather strength and courage from the Lord and press the fight on against sin and evil with endurance far beyond the natural man, and in the end will wear a crown. There is a crown for every one that is faithful and endures unto the end. In the world there are men that run races for a prize. Perhaps six or eight will run and the one who beats, gets the prize and the others get nothing. When one is out-running, the others behind get discouraged, give up and quit running entirely. It is different in the Christian race, for there is a prize for every one that runs the race with patience, endure unto the end. Even others may seem to be far in advance of us, yet there is no need of being discouraged, for there is a crown, a never-fading crown for every one that is faithful and endures unto the end.

Paul said in the 8th chapter of Romans, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." When a soul gets to be persuaded like Paul was, he will be sure to go through and wear a crown which is laid up for every one that loves His appearing. Those who are without earthly comforts, having persecutions, hardships with treasures all in heaven, will certainly love His appearing.

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Recently we were led of the Lord to preach a sermon in a mission hall. The scripture was used in the third chapter of St. John, down to the 22nd verse and then we turned to the 19th chapter of Luke and showed how anxious Zaccheus, the rich man, was to get saved and what effort he put forth to see Jesus, and the restitution he offered, receiving the Lord joyfully. There were a number of souls under conviction that night; among the number was a man who came to the altar and knelt down for prayer. He was a middle-aged man and said he had never prayed. After much prayer had been offered for him, he was asked to pray, and he said that he could not pray. The Lord was sought earnestly for him and he did pray, confessed and asked God to forgive him. He arose with a smile on his face and said, "something has taken place" and he also told the congregation, "If you never heard the truth before you heard it to-night."

It seems that much of the Scripture that is commonly used is seldom understood by the majority of people in the world. Except the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word preached and operates upon the heart of the listener, they get scarcely nothing at all from the preached Word. Ministers should not only pray God to anoint them for preaching the Word, but I believe that they ought to pray more earnestly that God would anoint the hearers and open up and illuminate their minds to understand the truth. Earnest supplications in prayer and seeking God for things shows faith and confidence in God. God hears the prayer of faith.

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Jesus said, "When the son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth." (Luke 18:8).

When Jesus comes He will be looking for those who have real faith in God. "Faith which worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6) Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." His commandments constitutes the things He taught. When He commissioned the

disciples He told them to go in all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. In exact words He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28: 19 and 20). Jesus says in Matthew 24: 12th verse, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." This scripture ought to be a solemn warning to every one who is departing from God and putting their trust and faith in earthly things, or earthly security. It shows that the love is waxing cold and their faith is being undermined by clever, designing spirits and their labors are more for present recompence. The Saints should stay as far from the world and its ways as possible. The unregenerated in heart know nothing about faith in God and, of course, they have all kinds of earthly security and earthly props. Saints should not take up their ways; but should stand separate and manifest a faith and trust in God so they can see that God is real to us and that we have something better than earthly security. Men may preach flowery sermons which are pleasant to the ear and sway an audience with eloquence and fit scriptures together to seemingly carry their points, but if they are void of that, "faith which worketh by love" their labors will all be in vain and in the end, ruination. Let us watch and pray and be safe.

MEETING REPORT

Bro. H. Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla. held a week's meeting at Jennings, Okla. Beginning on the 26th of Jan. and closing the 2nd of Feb. This meeting was a precious soul saving and edifying meeting. The word was preached with the power and anointing of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost worked mightily in the meeting in carrying truth to hearts and convicting them of sin, and also in the homes conviction was deep on souls and some of them got saved in their homes while crying unto God for mercy. They leaped and shouted and praised God when the burden of sin and guilt rolled away. The ministers and workers went into the homes and broke the bread of life to them and sang songs. It seemed that the last opportunity had come to some of them and it was either yield now or be lost forever. We are surely in the last part of the last days and souls that intend to get saved must do it soon or the judgment will set and then we will have no Saviour but a judge. It seems that this is a time of hunting and fishing out souls, and when the few are

gathered in, the time will be up. Let this be a warning to every soul, to quickly flee from wrath to come before you are summoned to appear before the great Judge. Repent and get saved so your sins will go on before to judgment and will not follow up after you and condemn you in that awful day. Besides saving some souls, the Lord healed some sick folks, verifying His promises. — E. M. Miles, Jennings, Okla.

OBITUARY

William Martan Wilson was born in McMakin Co. Tenn. on July 19th, 1849. He died Dec. 28th 1931 at his home in Canehill, Ark. Was 82 years, 5 months and 9 days old. He was the father of 13 children, three girls and three boys by his first wife, who has long since passed to her reward. Three boys and four girls by his second wife who survives him. The children are all living.

Father Wilson, as he is known by many, was a gospel preacher for over forty years; was very zealous in the cause of God and many souls were won to the Lord by his earnest efforts. He was a loving husband, a kind father, good neighbor and a follower of the meek and lowly Lamb of God. His words of counsel and of self-sacrifice will long linger in the hearts of those who knew him. Father has gone to the glory world and will be there waiting for the wife and children to arrive and be an unbroken family in heaven. His last words were, "Look at the Cross."

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Chas. Bowers and the remains was laid to rest in the cemetery at Aurora, Mo. beside his first wife. The text used was recorded in Job 14: 1,2.

In Memory of Bro. W. M. Wilson

For more than four-score years he lived
 In this old wicked world below;
 His life's work to His Master gave,
 His faith failed not, mid grief and woe.

The gospel of eternal truth,
 He preached for more than fifty years;
 He taught the aged, as well as youth,
 Salvation saves you from all fears.

Through fiery trials he often went,
 And persecutions ragged severe;
 Still on Jehovah's arm he lent,
 And preached God's truth without a fear.

Men sought to take his very life,
The truth he preached showed up their sins;
God brought him safely through the strife.
With triumphant joy and peace within.

His work is finished now below,
His body is laid beneath the sod;
No more fierce trials he ere shall know,
His soul at rest, at peace with God.

He did not lay up treasures here,
Material things that soon decay;
He strove to place them over there,
Where they will last eternally.

You men who leave your millions here,
When you are laid beneath the sod;
Your record cannot near compare,
With this man for he walked with God.

We read of men who climb to fame,
Their names resound through palace hall;
Unless they trust in Jesus' name,
His gains far greater than them all.

Our loving Father now has gone,
And while we grieve in silent tears;
Yet we would not have him return,
He'll be with Christ through endless years.

Oh how he loved to tell the story,
Of salvation here below;
How much sweeter are the praises,
That round the throne of God doth flow?

For every soul he brought to Jesus,
Great joy in heaven did resound;
Now methinks I see them shining.
One more star in Father's crown.

Written by his son, Sam Wilson.

OBITUARY

Sister M. D. Freeman was born in Clayborn Co., Tenn., Aug. 25, 1852. She fell asleep Jan. 8, 1932; age 79 years, 4 months, and 18 days. She was married to M. D. Freeman Feb. 18, 1872; to which union were born 6 children. Mother Freeman was a loving, sacrificing, zealous and devoted saint of the Most High God. Funeral was conducted by the writer. Text, Rev. 14: 12 to 16. —John Strech.

Have Faith In God And The Saints

Since the greatest desire of our hearts is to see the cause of God move on and the saints all living in the fear of God, we feel led of the Lord to bring forth some truths concerning what it means to live in the fear of God.

First, it does not mean to be afraid of God in order to be, and live in His fear. But it does mean to fear to displease Him and the fear of losing His approval upon our souls and lives. Also, to be conscious of the possibility of doing something which would grieve the Spirit of God. Hence, God would withdraw Himself from us, leaving us an empty vessel without the Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth.

We find faith to be the foundation and ground truth of all our Christian life in this world, and determines the life beyond the grave. We realize anything that would hinder or destroy, or cause to weaken faith in God, would be hurtful to our success here, and would cause us to fail as many others have. They who failed to keep God's Word and live by faith have made ship-wreck. Knowing that we, the ministry must give, account how we teach and instruct the people of God, we feel it our duty to set forth the only safe plan given in the Word of God. God's plan is for the saints to live by faith in Him. In the plan set forth in Gal. 6:2 we are commanded to bear one another's burdens. The 5th verse teaches us to bear our own burdens. We see we are to bear our own burdens as much as we can, then it is the saints' duty to take their place and help us bear what we cannot or we are not able to bear alone.

Matt. 25:31-46 teaches that all of us are going to meet God some day—none excepted. Knowing this, we should act like we believed the above text. It is going to be this way whether we believe it or expect it to be this way or not. We desire this little message to have a lasting good effect upon the faith of the saints.

We learn in 1 John 3:17 that when we see or know of our brother being in need and do not render relief according as the need is or to our honest ability, we need not expect to keep in favor with God. We may do as many others have done in the past—go on professing, but void of the sweet presence and approval of God upon our hearts and deeds. Hence, being deceived in ourselves; thinking we are right when we have gone wrong. A profession of religion is of little worth at this time without a holy, consistent, devoted, God-fearing, regenerated, new Bible life, proving our pro-

fession to be attained according to the word of God.

Now, to the point in view. We the saved and sanctified Church of God are looking, trusting, hoping, believing that in the future our every need will be supplied. Let us investigate where and in what is our trust. We will trust in the thing we think to be the most reliable source. Man has always done this. Hence, it can always be clearly noticed and identified where a man has his trust. Since the Lord has always been the most reliable source, and is most worthy and able to support the need of man, He teaches man to trust in Him, and then speaks to His unselfish, open-hearted, sacrificing, burden-bearing, self-denying, cross-bearing saints and says, don't shut up your bowels of compassion to your brother who is in need. (1 John 3:18) Note Matt. 25:31 to 46 inclusive. We who go to the right hand are we who have kept these words.

In St. John 14:23 we find the evidence whether or not we love God, and in the 24th verse we have the evidence when men do not love Him. The Lord leaves it with us to do as we desire—be careless about the needs of our brethren in sickness, in death, even while in need of daily food or raiment and be turned to the left hand when the chief Shepherd divides the sheep from the goats, or we can be careful, concerned and helpful to our needy brethren and go to the right hand. We see the only thing that it takes to make a goat is to neglect your brother in need. If all would measure to the text herein contained, we would need nothing else to look to in time of need—whether in need of food and raiment, or in sickness and death. When we have confidence in God and His saints, as we must have to please God, it will keep us busy loosening from, if necessary, the last mite to help our burdened brother. When this condition becomes a reality among the people of God, we will have no need or use for life insurance and burial benefits. These truths must be regarded as vital at once. I choose to put more trust and confidence in God and my unselfish, open-hearted, sacrificing, burden-bearing, self-denying, cross-bearing brethren than in all else. When should we begin to live by Matt. 4:4? The answer is, when we see our duty and privilege, and we can wait no longer and keep clear (James 4:17).

Brethern, we feel like appealing to your sincerity. Let us walk in the truth, for the truth will make us free from everything that would hinder our faith in God and His people, which, in turn would hinder our progress toward the goal. We shall meet God not many days hence, to be turned to the right or left hand. Which shall it be? The text in the above message may

seem of little worth to those who do not realize the need and importance of keeping step with the truth.

We are sure there is no truth more needed or more important than these facts.

There has been, is and will be many who will be careless about these things. But we who move on in the Bible way must give heed to the Word of God. If we have Him we will keep His word. Brethren, if you and I do what the Word of God teaches, every need will be supplied, and these texts will be our daily walk in this life; also, our faith in God and each other will be increased to the extent that we will be so well-pleased with God's plan of providing for forthcoming needs that we will resort to none other.

Brethern, we will do well to keep ourselves in touch with God and His everlasting, eternal, never-failing Word.

Yours, loving Him today, — John Streech

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We are in receipt of a letter from an unsaved lady living in Pa. She is wanting to get back to the Lord, but it seems hard for her. She truly needs our prayers. Part of her letter reads as follows: "How is Grandma Spradling? I hope, better. It always makes me feel bad when I read about her. I always think of my mother. They took a poor old lady near here to the county home. I am not personally acquainted with her; nevertheless, it touched my heart.

"I am enclosing five dollars. Use it for Grandma or any way God directs. You know the needs better than I."

I was just thinking, if one who was unsaved was touched and moved to help care for a poor old saint like Grandma Spradling; how much more should we who are saved be touched and moved by the Lord to give for her keep? We were short ten dollars in paying her last bill. Let the saints pray and look to God for her. She is not strong enough in mind to offer up prayer any more; but God says in His word, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again." It is positively sure when we lend to the Lord that He will return it again. This is not so among earthly men, as they often never have the power to return it. Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom? For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." I firmly believe the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, for He truly does verify His promises to those who manifest faith and confidence in Him.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

All For Jesus

Jesus, take this heart of mine—
Make it clean and wholly thine,
Fill it with Thy love Divine,
Then my little light will shine.

Jesus, take my hands and feet,
Make them strong your work to greet;
Going on the path of life,
Brave to meet its toil and strife.

Jesus, make my head thine, too—
For I give it now to you;
Fill my mind with thoughts of love,
Make me like a gentle dove.

Yes, you love me, love me still;
Even when I am cross or ill,
But I wish to ever be
From all sin and pride kept free.

— C. B. Clay

Editorial Notes

By the mercy of the Lord we have the privilege again of sending forth this section which is the contribution of young Christians who are interested in the spiritual welfare of other young people, both saved and unsaved, hoping that the messages written will be a blessing to other young saints who are serving the Lord in Spirit and in truth on their pilgrim way to the Celestial City, and that unsaved young people may hear the gospel or good tidings of this wonderful Salvation which gives peace of soul that passeth understanding, so that if they will, they can have a part in it. Christ's spirit in us will give us a desire or burden to show others the beauty and realities of salvation, and invite them to accept the Lord into their hearts.

I wonder if we as young Christians prove that we have the spirit of Christ by showing sufficient interest in the salvation and encouragement of humanity whom God has created. When we get a clear vision or conception in our souls of Christ, His attributes, purposes, and designs for His creatures, we will gladly and willingly present ourselves a living sacrifice, denying ourselves for the advancement of His cause

and propagation of His truth in the earth. John Bunyan surely had a vision or burden for souls and humanity when he was willing to sacrifice his liberty and be imprisoned in the Bedford jail for twelve years, rather than fail to recognize God's call to preach the gospel, retaining such a firm decision to please God rather than man that he said: "If I were out of prison today, I would preach the gospel to-morrow, by the help of God."

Dear young Christian, what is your experience or decision regarding your duty in the work of the Lord? God has saved you for a purpose. Are you answering His call? Your duty is to do what you can do in spreading the gospel — not only in words, but in good deeds performed in the spirit of Christ. If we are faithful to perform small duties, we will apt to be qualified for greater responsibility. May the Lord stir our hearts to greater diligence in His service.

You can begin working for the Lord right now. (Your salary will be a crown of everlasting life if you are faithful to the end). Subscribe to this paper for your friends or enemies who need the light of the gospel shown on their pathway. Or send the names and addresses of ones whom you think would subscribe if they could read a sample copy. Or, distribute good tracts to your neighbors and friends, also put some in your letters. Seek God with a willing heart and mind and you will find plenty to do in His vineyard. To serve Him will mean self-denial. Write articles and testimonies for this section as the Lord leads.

God is using this section to bless many young people. Do your duty and have a part in blessing others. Live a life for others, instead of self.

On the 23rd of Feb. Miss Verta O'Raine, assistant editor of this section and office worker, boarded the train for her home in Glendale, Calif. She felt that she had fulfilled her mission here, and that it was the Lord's will to return home. We pray the Lord to bless her in her future activities, and may she ever follow in the paths of righteousness. May she have a full realization that her labor here was not in vain. The following verse is worth reprinting:—

"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."

— L. D. P.

CHINA

C — is for China, so far away
 We almost forget for it to pray,
 But today, please think of the people there
 Who know nothing of Jesus or daily prayer.

H — is for heathen; I do believe
 That Jesus' love they'll gladly receive.
 They are tired of the darkness of night within,
 And are looking for light to cleanse from sin.

I — stands for idols, can't you see?
 The way they worship looks queer to me;
 Mumbling their prayers all alone
 To men made of nothing but wood and stone.

N — is for numbers, millions are there;
 Come over and help them, your blessings share.
 Jesus commands that many shall go
 To China the gospel seed to sow.

A — stands for ask; I am sure you agree
 The heathen are asking for you and me,
 To give of our dimes and dollars, too,
 That soon they may hear the gospel news.

— Sel. by May Belle Miles

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Richland, Mo. —Greetings to the young workers at Faith Publishing House: Today finds me still saved and serving my blessed Savior. He has done so much for me. I am truly thanking my blessed Lord today for what He has done for me; that He ever saw fit to take me out of sin and place me on the solid Rock where the storms and floods of the devil cannot reach me.

We read in Mat. 16:18, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I am truly thankful that the Lord has a few true children, still standing for the right way and on the solid Rock. There are so many trying to go to heaven without living a Christian life. They think they can live like the world, be partakers of their evil, then go to heaven, so let us all watch and pray that we enter not into any of the devil's traps that he has set for us. We know not the moment when the Son of man cometh.

I want all of you to pray for me that I might live a Christian life here in this dark place.

Your Brother—Raymond Brown.

Guthrie, Okla.—Dear young people scattered abroad: I feel like writing my testimony through the young people's section.

This evening I am happy in the Lord. He is my Savior, Healer and Keeper. Truly, I thank Him for it. I am longing to see more young people born into God's kingdom.

Dear young saints, have we on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the fiery darts of the wicked one? Having on the breastplate of righteousness and our feet shod with the gospel of peace? I thank God for His Word, and for His wonderful way. God's way is so strait and so narrow, so pure and so clean, that only those that have left off all the world, its pride and fashion, can go along God's clean way. If we desire to take part of the world along with us, how are we going to be able to tell others about Jesus? "For if we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us." (1 John 2:15).

I believe God's word, and I do not believe in trying to get around it, for His word is true and for ever settled in heaven. I love to measure to God's word as I hear it go forth. If we do not have a willing heart that shows there is something wrong. We had better begin praying to God to give us a willing heart.

I am glad I can say that when God saved and sanctified me, that He took the desire for worldly dress and any thing that is contrary to God's will and Word away from me. I want my actions, my dress and my life to tell the Gospel Story. I do not want to be a stumbling block in any one's way. Some one may be following in our footsteps. Are we leading and directing them in the right way, or are we leading and directing them step by step to eternal destruction? Truly, I have many trials and battles to fight, but there is victory at the end of every battle if we count it so.

The devil is on your track, if you are serving God. He has many traps set especially for the young folks. He will get us into one if we are not watchful and prayerful. I praise God for a few young people that are willing to give up all to follow Jesus the Bible way. I need your prayers.

Yours, for the whole gospel, —Evelyn Davis.

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Garner, Iowa — Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Greetings in Jesus dear name. I feel led at this time to write and tell what the Lord has done for me. Truly, I can't praise Him enough when I think how He saved me from eternal death and gave in exchange life in Christ Jesus. It is my greatest desire to walk humbly before God all the days of my life.

I think the *Faith and Victory* paper is excellent, as it does not 'beat around the bush' about religion so as to please the people. It tells the truth about the Bible, being led of God.

I think we young people who are Christians have a lot to be thankful for, as we have the privilege of enjoying true salvation at an early age. What a wonderful salvation Jesus Christ bought with His own blood on the cross of Calvary! And what a price He had to pay that we might enjoy the blessedness of knowing Him and to have fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

I am a young married woman; having only been married a little over seven months, and until I let Jesus come into my heart, I enjoyed everything in the world, such as dances, card parties, theater parties etc. Praise the precious name of Jesus. He has saved me from such a life. I thought when I was in the world I was thoroughly enjoying myself. I didn't know how empty my life had been until I accepted Jesus. Praise Him forever. Have I regretted that I accepted Him? Friends, I want to say, never have I wished to follow, the ways of the world. Why? Because Jesus came into my heart and has taken away the desire for those things and has made me clean, being washed in the blood of the Lamb.

I am thankful that the Lord gave me a Christian mother. How she would enjoy talking about the Bible! There was true Christianity shown forth in her daily living. However, she was not liked so well by so-called Church people, as they thought her peculiar because she would not join any of their sects. But I don't care what they thought of her. I praise God for such a mother as she is, for I know that it is through her prayers that I have peace in my soul.

How I enjoy meeting with the Saints of God, for there you find unity of the Spirit. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit that we are the Sons of God." (Romans 8: 16).

As we look around us and see people professing Christianity and still thinking it is alright to indulge in things of the world, it just wrings our heart, for we know they are out in darkness and sin, yet they will not listen to any one but their minister, and they think that if they do as he says, such as, go to church, pay the church, attend their social activities, abide by the laws of the denomination, etc. they will get to heaven. Such blindness the devil has gotten the people into! They don't realize that nothing we can do will bring eternal life but only the precious blood of Jesus applied to our hearts and then live uprightly, being prompted by the Holy Spirit. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your selves: it is a gift of God,

not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9). Praise Him forever. I request your prayers that I may be found faithful until the end, when my Master calls me home and there to ever be with the Lord.

A young saved Sister, — Mrs. John Kester.

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Annual Report of the "Church of God"

Bible class, Kunnamkulam, India.

"Church of God" Bible class at Kunnamkulam, was started on Sunday, the 25th of January 1931. The students attending the class are mostly girls. The class is conducted by me from one P. M. to two P. M. on Sundays. The Bible is taught to them from books to books. None of the sectarian principles of the various demoninational churches are taught in the class. Every Sunday they are taught lessons from the Bible with a view to mold them into God-fearing, gentle and dutiful house-wives.

The class was begun just with four girls. Later on, three more came and attended, and during the course of a few more weeks, one left the class. It is worth mentioning that the students have studied zealously. They were taught 20 chapters from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, 10 chapters from the book of Joshua and 20 chapters from the Judges.

Besides this, connected with the class, a "Memory Verse" class is conducted. In this class 12 students attend. These students can repeat well from memory the names of the Old and New Testaments, and 59 verses from the portions they have studied.

Prizes are given away to the first, second, third and fourth, and consolation prizes to the rest to encourage them. Altogether 18 prizes were given away.

We have planned that these classes might be conducted next year in such a way as to run them with increasing success.

Once the mother of a small girl, to whose family we used to go for the night prayer-meetings, told us about the mischief of their little daughter. We told the girl that we would give her a present providing she improved her character and become a good and obedient girl. To the surprise of her mother she has become an obedient girl from the day we told her. We gave her a special present on the New Year day along with the others.

Beseeching all the helps from the Almighty in abundance, I conclude my report.

—Mrs. E. Cherian.

"He that winneth souls is wise."

Extracts From our Mail

A letter from a Brother living in Okla. reads as follows: "I am sending in my renewal to the Faith and Victory paper, along with three other names of my friends.

"Your good little paper is highly appreciated for its good Bible truth. May the kind Master continue to direct and bless your publication."

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Another faithful Brother living in Mich. writes us an encouraging letter, and also sent in five names for the *Faith and Victory* paper. He says, "These five names means about 125 sermons for one month, and for twelve months it means 1500 sermons." He is asking us to be agreed with him that the Holy Spirit will accompany each message and inspire the readers to get salvation or a deeper consecration.

This Brother is very zealous for the cause of God, and is giving out tracts and sending the paper to many souls. You cannot tell how much good the paper will do your friend or neighbor. It may mean his salvation from sin. Any way, if you send the gospel to your neighbors or friends, you clear yourself before God, because you have warned them of the danger ahead. Turn and read in Ezek. the third chapter and begin at the 18th verse and you will know what I am writing about. You cannot expect to keep up in your own soul if you neglect to give out what God has given you. All your time, talent and means is given you of God. Do you ask God how much you can have of it for your own needs? Or do you just use it as you please and forget and neglect to take the gospel to those who do not know Him. We are all going to stand at the judgment bar of God and give an account of all the deeds done in the body. A life filled up with good deeds will be a blessed state to meet at the Judgment. Let each of us get the *Faith and Victory* into as many homes as we can and thus be preaching the gospel to them by proxy.

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A Sister from the state of Oregon sends money for a Bible. She is buying it for a friend. She believes that every man and woman ought to have a Bible. She says, "They can do without other things better than a Bible." We have a circular printed giving prices and descriptions of the Bibles which we generally find that people want. If you are interested in a Bible, send for this circular. We have a few 1932 Scripture Calendars at 30 cents each. Also, 128 page book entitled, "Steps to Christ" at 25 cents each.

"Helps to Holy Living", book No. 2, at 15 cents each, or two for 25 cents, written by Bro. C. E. Orr.

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A Sister living in Nebr. is rejoicing much in the Lord and His precious dealings with them. She writes in part, "I am sending another five dollars to help in the Lord's work; use it as you see fit.

"The Lord is so good to us and helps us in financial way beyond our expectations. We sold thirty hens and they were so low in price that we thought that we would get \$15.00 for them. They brought us \$25.06.

"Truly God is good to all who will walk to please Him. It is my aim to please my heavenly Father at any cost. I have left all the world to follow Him."

A letter like this one and many others encourages our hearts and makes us know that a few souls scattered here and there have faith in God and harken unto His voice.

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A Sister writing from Calif. sends in her subscription for the paper and also writes a testimony of how the Lord cares for them, overrules and supplies them inspite of seemingly impossible things. They used to have a good pay check and money in the bank, but things changed and they were reduced to destitute condition and then they had a chance to prove God in supplying their needs. When out of bread this Sister ask the Lord to give her bread and when she came forth from her closet of prayer she saw a boy coming with a loaf of bread. His mother had told him to take it to her as she knew that she wanted bread, and many other things she asked for and God supplied them. She rejoices to know that God is so faithful and mindful of His children. She believes that there will be a few that will have faith when Jesus comes. It is sad to see so many putting their trust in earthly things. I well remember one time a number of years ago when we were out of food and was asking God to supply, and God sent a neighbor-woman to our door and ask us if we liked cabbage. She said, "that she had cooked up a lot of cabbage expecting company and they did not come; said, they did not like cabbage and she would bring it to us if we could use it. We certainly used it and thanked God for it. She was an unsaved woman but God moved upon her heart to do this and thus helped to supply our daily food. To see the hand of God supplying our daily needs is common occurrancers. We have no way of living or keeping this work going only as He supplies. Pray with us and for us, dear Brothers and Sisters, as we have many things to pray for. Many phrases of the work have to be met and kept up. We serve a mighty God and He sees our needs

and hears our cries. Let us exalt His name together.

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A Sister writing from Pa. says, "It has been some time since I wrote you and sent you any offering; yet, you have been faithful in sending your little paper. May God abundantly bless all of you and the work you are doing for the Master.

"You have a tract entitled, *Sliding Into Hell*. Will you send me a few or as many as you can spare; also sample of tracts for the lost and indifferent ones?"

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Bigelow, Mo. —Dear Saints at Faith Pub. House: I send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. To-day finds me still saved and sanctified with a heart willing to do any thing the Lord wants me to do.

I was just reading the Faith and Victory. It surely is encouraging to see the young people taking such an interest in the work of the Lord. Surely, the Lord is glad to see His young Saints working and spending their time for Him. We are praying the Lord's blessings upon them.

Pray for us that we might do all the Lord wants us to do. Will close with love in Christ.

—Mrs. Floyd Knapp.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear Saints: I am glad I can report victory over the powers of the enemy. I am saved, sanctified and all on the altar for the dear Lord. I mean to go all the way for the dear Lord. Praise His dear name. He is my wonderful Savior. He supplies my every need. I am glad I can say He heals my body when I am sick, and has for sixteen years. Haven't had a drop of medicine.

I am glad He permitted me to go to the Guthrie Assembly meeting. I learned a wonderful lesson, and am putting it in practice. I mean to continue on the King's Highway until the battle is won. I want to do more for the dear Lord this year. I am going to stay where I can hear the voice of God. It makes me happy to do His will. Praise His dear name. Dear ones I need your prayers that the Lord will keep me true and humble at any cost.

Your Sister in Christ, —ANNIE WILEY.

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Kinta, Okla. —Dear Saints and Readers: Greeting you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. This evening finds me yet saved, sanctified and encouraged to go all the way with Him.

St. Matt. 25:32-33-34—46, "Then shall the King say unto them on the right hand, come ye, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from

the foundation of the world." Praise the Lord. All the saints shall inherit the kingdom of heaven; all that keep His holy commandments. This is what I am working for—live everlasting in His Kingdom. Listen what the sinners will get. How sad! St. Matt. 25:41, "Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, depart from Me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." This fire is not for the saints; just for the devil and his angels, so any one that serves the devil is his angel. Praise the Lord. I am one of His and have no desire at all of ever turning back, because it is death to turn back, and life to go on.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be just what God would have me to be and do the things He would have me to do at all times.

Your Sister in the one way, —Phebe M. Walters.

"Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing"

"I am the vine; and my Father is the cultivator. Every branch in me, which yieldeth not fruits, He taketh it away: and that which yieldeth fruits, He cleanseth it, that it may yield more fruits. Ye henceforth are clean, on account of the discourse I have held with you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot yield fruits of itself, unless it abide in the vine; so also, neither can ye, unless you abide in me. I am the vine and ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him. He yielded much fruit; for without Me, ye can do nothing. And if a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a withered branch; and they gather it up, and cast it into the fire to be burned. But if ye shall abide in Me, and My instructions shall abide in you, whatever ye shall be pleased to ask, it will be given you. In this is the Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and ye will be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, I also have loved you: abide ye in the love of Me. If ye shall keep My Commandments, ye will abide in the love of Me, as I have kept the Commands of My Father, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is My command, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends if ye do all that I command you. I no longer call you servants; because a servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; because, whatsoever I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you." (John 15:1-15. Syriac. Ver.)

Who is speaking, and to whom is he speaking? Here Jesus is talking to His disciples. He told them that they must abide in Him. He said, I am the vine and ye are the branches. Abide in me for the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abide in the vine, neither can ye, except ye abide in me. How true, we cannot bear fruit for God unless Christ abides in us, and we in Him.

No man can keep himself; 'tis only as he abides in Christ can he be kept. Without the love of God in our soul, we are as a chip on the stream for there is no strength, or power, to resist the enemy of our soul without the Lord abiding within. Only as we abide in Christ is there any spiritual fruit in our life. Our heart is like a cup, when filled with God; it is full of love to God and man. This love gives us a passion for souls. Nothing but this love of God can give us this passion for souls. Then if God abides in us, love abides in us and instead of hating our enemies we can, and do, love them for Christ abides in us, and gives us of His love for them, and he has become life to our soul. We in Him can then love all mankind.

Love does not always lead us to say the smooth things, but it will cause us to sharply reprove those who are making a big profession but not living the Christ-like life. As Jesus had to do so many times to the Pharisees and other professors, but not possessors. He did not spare any, but sharply reprov'd all that were guilty of such a life. We must do the works of God as Jesus did. It was the Holy Spirit in Him that reprov'd and if His Spirit dwells in us, we too, will reprove even though it makes those reprov'd hate us for doing our duty to them.

These out of Christ may build big meeting-houses, gather in a large congregation, say many smart things, go through the form of service, and keep the people bound by a name, but O, the lack of the Holy, Heavenly Spirit that should abide within their hearts and cause them to work the works of Christ. Surely many a person has only a name to live, but are dead in trespasses and in sins. Not able to live to the glory of God, nor worship Him in the beauty of holiness. This is the only beauty that we can worship the Lord in. They are not able to love God nor their neighbor. Neither are they able to reprove because they have not been grafted into the Vine, Jesus Christ, and become a branch in Him.

God will not honor any work, or spirit, but only that which is done under the power of His own Holy Spirit. His Spirit, must be the Spirit that works in us, if we please God. This, and this, only will find any

favor with God.

This is why we must seek Jesus with all of our heart until we find Him and are forgiven. We must make Him welcome and let Him rule as Lord.

Invite Him to come in and make His abode within our soul. And he says that he will never leave us nor forsake us but will be with us even to the end of the world. Then let us earnestly seek Him that grace may have its perfect way, and peace and righteousness, and quietness may abide in our heart.

Truly, we can do nothing spiritually for God, or man unless we abide in Christ, and have His Holy Spirit abiding within our soul.

—I. Edith Kriebel.

ANTITHESIS OF CHURCH OF GOD AND SECTS

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

Heresy in scripture means *sect* or the doctrine of a sect, as denomination. Heresies and sects are the same. Both come from the same word, *hairesis*. The sect (hairesis) of the Sadducees (Acts 5: 17), the sect (haireses) of the Pharisees (Acts 15: 5), the sect (haireses) of the Nazarenes (Acts 24: 5). They call heresy *haireses* (Acts 24: 14); "straitest sect (haireses) of our religion" (Acts 26: 5). "Damnable heresies" (2 Pet. 2: 21). This last scripture is in the German tongue translated "destructive sects". A heretic is a sectarian. There are a few honest souls, however, that have been ignorantly led into sects who have not imbibed the sect spirit. These are not sectarians, and when they hear the truth on the real Bible Church and see the sin of sectism, they will drop the sect and abide in the Church only. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways: by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not and their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Pet. 2: 1-3). This is the apostasy that is called "damnable heresies". And some versions is rendered "destructive sects".

God help men and women to hear the voice of God "come out of her, my people". But, says some, don't you think God is blessing in sectism? Wherever God can find an honest soul, He blesses them regardless of

their ignorance of the sect they are in. In Gal. 5: 19, 20, heresies (sects) are classed with drunkenness, murder, etc., under the works of the flesh, and "they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God". "Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause division and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good works and fair speeches, deceive the hearts of the simple" (Rom. 16: 17, 18).

God in these last days is "gathering together in one, all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth, even in Him" (Eph. 1: 10). Sects are yoking together sinners and believers alike (2 Cor. 6: 14). What is the command of God in this case? We will look for the answer in the 17th verse, "Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." If all preachers and Christians would preach and practise 1 Cor. 1: 10, there would be no sects. "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." "That there should be no schism in the body" (1 Cor. 12: 25). Sects, "schisms" or divisions are forbidden in the Word of God. Because of division among the Corinthians Paul decided that there must be heresies (sects—margin, 1 Cor. 11: 18). Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness? "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you" (2 Cor. 6: 14, 17). It is considered an unclean thing in the sight of God for saints to yoke up with sects or unbelievers. "So will I seek out my sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day" (Ezek. 34: 11, 12).

Next we wish to talk about the name of the Church that Jesus purchased with His own blood. "While I was with them in the world I kept them in Thy name." (Jno. 17: 12). Whose name? God's name. What is His name? "The God of the whole earth shall He be called" (Isa. 54: 5). "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1: 2; 2 Cor. 1: 1). "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3: 15). So now, as we find no Methodist, Baptist, Mennonites, Free Methodists, Dunkards, etc. in the Bible,

we discard all else and abide alone in the Church of God "which He has purchased with His own blood". But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (Gal. 1: 8). If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing but doting about questions and strifes of words whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness, from such withdraw thyself (1 Tim. 6: 3-5).

The foundation of the Church of God is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3: 11). "Upon this Rock I will build my Church" (Matt. 16: 18), and "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Cornerstone" (Eph. 2: 20). So if it takes all the sects to compose the Church of God, then a man would have to join all of them to teach and practise all the Word of God. He would still be wrong, as he would yet be a sectarian, and sects or schisms are positively forbidden in the Word of God (1 Cor. 12: 25). But what about the 'split' known as the Compromise or Trumpet people. They continue to call themselves the Church of God. "They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would, no doubt, have continued with us. But they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" (1 Jno. 2: 19). This is the antichrist spirit of the 18th verse. Christ would not endorse the following, to-wit: Hireling ministers; church committee, to take the place of the Holy Ghost, to decide who should preach and who should not; going to picture shows; organizing Church of God ball teams; bowling alleys; calling ministers, Reverend, D. D., etc.; the use of narcotics which are injurious to the body; the wearing of gold and costly array; mixing in the worldly parades; taking out life insurance; wearing short dress, low necks, and short or no sleeves; taking doctor's medicines; divorcing and re-marrying; separating colored saints from white saints; routing and shouting at ball games; and many other things they do, which makes them the antichrist spirit, and they have become, as one of their members said, just another church among other churches. So "come out of her, my people" is applicable to them also, as being the "image of the beast" in Rev. 13: 14.

"Lo, these are parts of His ways; but how little a portion is heard of Him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?" (Job 26: 14).

Will This Earth Pass Away, And Be No More

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John 5: 28, 29 needs no explanation. He has here the wicked and the righteous under consideration; both shall come forth to receive their final reward. Since this earth and heaven shall pass away, the new heaven and new earth will be the eternal home of the righteous. The meek shall inherit it. The kingdom of God was then at hand. Jesus taught His disciples to pray for its coming, so His will could be done in earth as it is in heaven. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6: 10. All holy sanctified people do His will here on earth. "Not with eye-service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6: 6). "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2: 17).

If the reader will carefully search the scriptures, you will find that the Old Testament met its fulfillment in Christ. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come. (Heb. 10: 1) Wherefore, the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster (Gal. 3: 24, 25). Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (Matt. 5: 17). The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it (In 33 A. D., Luke 16: 16). For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1: 17). The apostle Paul said about 60 A. D., "Ye are not under the law. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6: 14).

We shall notice some prophecies and their fulfillment. "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel" (Isa. 7: 14). Fulfilled—"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1: 22, 23). A prophecy—"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt" (Hosea 11: 1). Fulfilled—"When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed

into Egypt. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, out of Egypt have I called my son" (Matt. 2: 14, 15). A prophecy—"And he said go, and tell this people: hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not" (Isa. 6: 9). Fulfilled—"Therefore, speak I to them in parables; because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, by hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive" (Matt. 13: 13, 14). A prophecy—"Surely, He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53: 4, 5). Fulfilled—"When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, . . . himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness" (Matt. 8: 16, 17). The prophecy—" * * * and I will make the place of my feet glorious" (Isa. 60: 13). The prophecy was fulfilled in the apostle's statement about 64 A. D., "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, (not going to come, but are already come to this glorious place) and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels; to the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12: 22-24). A prophecy—"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18: 15). Was it fulfilled? "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5: 46, 47). Here in this chapter Jesus tells them who He was, and they believed not. He had come for the purpose of establishing the kingdom of God. It was foretold by the prophets. It began with the preaching of John the Baptist, and was continued under Christ's personal ministry, and fully established on the day of Pentecost. Christ promised to some that they should see the kingdom of God come with power Mark 9: 1; Matt. 16: 28.