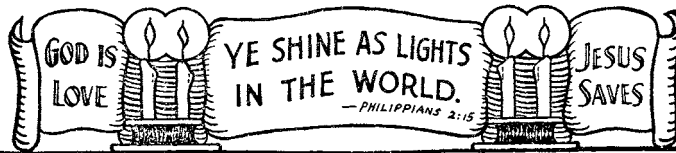


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THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



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I WONDER

I wonder if when Jesus comes
We'll rejoice to see His face,
Or will our work be all undone.
And leave us in disgrace.
Jesus died to save us all
His love for sinners proclaimed,
And of the one who died for me
I should not be ashamed.

I wonder if I often stray?
Far from His guiding hand,
I want to catch the vision of
The happy promised land.
I am not satisfied with self,
I yearn to grow in grace
I long to do some good while here.
So I will seek His face.

I wonder if I am willing,
To just stand still and wait,
When I long to heal some broken heart
With kind deeds before too late.
I want to be found serving,
Some sheaves I want to bring,
Yet—still my heart is full of love
And praises for the King.

—Goldie Finch

Trust In God

If we trust in, confide in, rely on, and place confidence in God the results are comfort, consolation, and resting of the mind. To trust in God means a perfect yielding to Him of soul, mind and body, for we are not our own, "for ye are bought with a price," (1 Cor. 6: 20). And in the language of Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." (Job 13: 15)

"What time I am afraid I will trust in thee." (Psa. 56: 3) "Trust in Him at all times; ye people" (Psa. 62:8) "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psa. 118: 8). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Honour the Lord with thy substance. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty." (Prov. 3: 5-10). "Leave the fatherless children. I will preserve them alive: and let thy widows trust in Me." (Jer. 49: 11). When should we commit such sacred trust in the hands of an all powerful God? Just in time of war? Job trusted God throughout all his life — wife, children, property, friends and all; in sickness and health, in poverty and in wealth. Did it pay him? Was it not the best business investment he could make? If you don't believe it, just read the book of Job, especially the last chapter, and see how he was blest with sons and daughters, wealth, long life, salvation and acceptance with God.

Now look at the other side of the picture. "Thus saith the Lord; cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm and whose heart departeth from the Lord." (Jer. 17: 5). When we trust God He will deliver us in time of trouble. But if not trusting Him, "When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee" (but they can't). But the wind shall carry them away; but he that putteth his trust in Me shall possess the land (Isa. 57: 13).

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Mat. 6: 33. If you want salvation, "Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid." (Isa. 12: 2). If you want protection, "salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." If you want joy, go to drawing water out of the wells of salvation. If you want victory, "cry out and shout." Are you hungry? "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Psa. 37: 3). Would you be made fat? "He that putteth

his trust in the Lord shall be made fat." (Prov. 28: 25). If you want peace; "therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God." (Rom. 5: 1). If you would have great peace, just pray God to help you to love His law more; "great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." (Psa. 119: 165) If you are troubled about what you shall eat, drink or wear, read Matt. 6: 25 to finish. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." God feeds the birds, are ye not much better than they? If God clothes the lilies, the grass, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith." Are you sick? Call for the elders of the Church, let them pray over you. . . . the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Have you faults? Confess them one to another (James 5: 14 -16). Are you sad and care-worn? "Cast all your care upon Him: for He careth for you." (1 Pet. 5: 7). Do you worry and fret? Then read the 37th Psalms. At last when dying, He will comfort you. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psa. 23: 4, 5) Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ." What more do we want? — Mrs. G. E. Harmon

The Door Of Faith

Faith is divine. It is one of the three greatest gifts God ever gave to man. The door of faith was first opened to the Jew and how hard it was for him to give up works — for faith. Later God opened the door of faith to the Gentile and he too has gone back to works with a few exceptions. To hear preachers preach funeral sermons nowadays, one would surely think man works his way to heaven. To bunch all the natural man's good works to gether they only lead further away from the door of faith. Indeed few come to this door, and fewer enter in. There is just one faith of God. It worketh by divine love, so you see faith hath works also. God detects between the works of the flesh and the workings of His spirit. Faith is wonderful, powerful. It shrinks not in the face of death or devils. It raises the dead. It casts out devils. It heals the sick. It heals the soul. Praise God forever.

God has had men of faith to pass through this world before us. They looked not the way of Naaman's

silver talents or changes of raiment, no, God knows and we know that the natural man has not this faith. He may be passing as a preacher, as a divine healer, perchance, may do some seeming miraculous things, as did the magicians of Egypt. Many of the sons of Adam have drank in a good bit of the subtlety of the serpent, but they are going to face Jesus Christ at the Judgment Bar.

Brethren. Sisters, if you want this most precious faith, come to Calvary, die to this world and your own flesh. "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings being made conformable unto His death." (Phil. 3:10) St. Paul on his departure from this world says, "I have kept the faith." He calls it the faith of God's elect. Jesus says, "God will avenge the elect speedily." Then says, "When the Son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth"? How much did He find in the days of Noah? and in the days of Sodom?

Sister J. T. Wetzell

Are You Popular?

Who does not admire a talented orator, one who pleases the intellect and ear? Even Ingersoll in his orations has some good thoughts. The question is, are such lectures beneficial to the eternal welfare of the hearers? The most reliable authority tells us "that the wisdom of man is foolishness with God." James 4: 4 tells us that whosoever would be a friend of the world, maketh himself an enemy of God. He made the world out of nothing. Whenever the Lord used any material at all in connection with His services, it was always of the most humble nature. Obedience, inspired by clay and spittle, brought about spiritual, as well as physical, sight to one born blind. A hen and her chicks are used to portray the love and protection of an Almighty Father.

God, cradled in a manger, elevates and beautifies poverty. Here purity, honesty, and integrity are preferred to luxury, love of ease, and ill-gotten riches. Ordinary laboring men were chosen of the Friend of sinners to carry on His work and proclaim His teaching, because they were acquainted with the conditions of the masses. All through life He is the one who takes the hard places, lifts the heaviest load, always practising humility.

Had Moses preferred the pleasure of the world to the leadings of Jehovah, he would have had a gay time for a while, but today he would be begging for a drop of water in the place where the worm dieth not, and

where the fire is not quenched. Had Isaiah kept still he would have been honored instead of persecuted. The false prophets in Jeremiah's day were popular with the king and influential politicians, while the true prophet was in danger of his life, barely sustained in a secret way in an old dungeon with bread and water.

According to our Saviour's own words, He had the service of millions of angels at His command, had He chosen that in place of a disgraceful death for you and me on the cross. Popularity and a life of ease are the greatest hinderances in the race to heaven these days. Any one living and preaching to please the Lord is out-of-date. Not wanted any more than He was.

For our encouragement and stimulant we are told that the ones who won the race were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheep-skins and goat-skins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—now listen to the compliment: "Of whom the world was not worthy" (Heb. 11:38). —Marie Pauline Sass

The Cross

Dear Saints of God: In these perilous times set your affections, your heart and mind on things above, where Jesus is before the Father pleading for us.

Accept the cross at every turn. John Bunyan says, there are few when they come to the cross cry, "welcome cross." Some of the martyrs did to the stake to which they were burned. If we are in the way to heaven, then we come to the cross. "If any man come after me," says Jesus "let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." The cross is a way-mark to the kingdom of heaven. Christ is the way. We must get into Him, His righteousness, to be justified. If in Him, we soon come to the cross; we must take it up. We meet the cross in the doctrine of justification (Titus 2:12). In the doctrine of mortification. (Study Col. 3rd chap.). In the doctrine of perservance, patience, self-denial, (Rom.8:35). Remember, they that will have heaven must run for it.

The enemy is on our track, after our precious soul. He is the god of this world and will exchange anything of this world with you for your soul. Cruden's Concordance says, the Christian conversation is called a race or running. 1 Cor. says, "So run that ye may obtain." Not run and pray by fits and starts, but without ceasing. All our mind, heart, soul and strength must be in it, stripped of the pleasures and

profits of this world, so we can run, looking unto Jesus. The flesh and blood of the sacrifice of Calvary gives grace and strength for the cross and the race. (St. John 6:53). —Sister J. E. Wetzel

Trials And Adversity

Sweetest perfume comes from crushed flowers. Have you ever noticed how beautifully blue the sky is after the storm, and how pure and sweet the air, and how sweet is the rest of the body after the hard toil of the day? Even so, the trying of our faith worketh patience. The trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire. If need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations. There may be a need for each trial. It is for our good, though at the time we see it not.

We read, Joseph was a prosperous man and the Lord was with him and blessed him in all things. Then came another scene, Joseph was falsely accused and put in prison, but the Lord was with Joseph. Even yet, no doubt it was very easy to believe the Lord was good and full of mercy; when he was a prosperous man. He could have believed God had turned against him in time of adversity. Both sorrow and joy, prosperity and adversity have their place in bringing out depth of character. Like Job, we need to say from the heart "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him." "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you — but rejoice* *"

Trials come to us through life,
But sufficient is God's grace,
Though in blindness we may think
God has hid His face.

Though we walk through hidden dangers;
Through the darkness of the night,
Still His guiding hand will lead me,
And His ways are right.

In the God of Joseph
Let us place our trust;
Though like Job the man of old,
We sit in the dust.

—Goldie Finch

Holy quietness with keen discernment permeated with divine love are some of the mightiest weapons in this warfare.

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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.

"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

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11: 25). "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

This scripture is just as true today as it was then.

When He raised Lazarus from the dead He proved that He was the resurrection and the life, and men that die believing in Him are not dead but sleep, waiting to be called forth in the resurrection morning to be clothed upon with their house from heaven.

Those who are resurrected to life eternal must, while in this life, have a spiritual resurrection, for the spiritual resurrection is the first resurrection and that is why the scripture says we are blest and holy for the second death has no power over us, because Jesus said, "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." When we are made alive spiritually the sting of death is taken away. Sin is the sting of death, as those in sin have no promise of eternal life. When they die, they go down in darkness, ruination and banishment from God forever. We all do our choosing in this life for our future destiny by receiving or rejecting Christ. Christ is the only hope for man, for He is the resurrection and the life.

All men that have not been resurrected spiritually by believing in Christ are dead in trespasses and sins, and condemned to eternal death and will be resurrected in that day only in damnation. Listen to what Jesus says, "He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is (present) passed from death unto life." (John 5: 24). Listen to the next verse, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, (present) when the dead (spiritually) shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live."

The crying need in the world today is to get souls to "hear the voice of the Son of God" that they might live. There are many voices in the world today that are clamoring to be heard, and many are hearing these voices and are walking on to destruction with only a cloak of religion—a show religion. Those that truly repent from the heart and turn away from all sin and seek the face and favor of God will hear His voice and be resurrected spiritually, passing from a dead state of sin to life in God. This is a blessed state and it brings joy, peace and righteousness to the soul in this life with an assurance of a life beyond the grave.

Brethren, let us do all we can to lift up Christ that souls may hear the voice of the Son of God and be resurrected to life.

Those who want tracts, pamphlets or books printed, please send in the manuscript right away so we can get them printed and finished before the camp-meetings which will begin soon. We expect to attend some camp-meetings, and will not have so much time for printing then as now. We are prepared and equipped

to do the work and also to give very reasonable prices on printing. The printed page is a powerful instrument in the hands of God to get truth to souls. Satan seems to know this better than the saints and he is flooding the people with adulterated printed matter.

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Holiness people are not holy because they claim to be holy; they are only holy as God's holiness dwells in them.

Jesus said: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3: 3). Paul says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is only the one that is born again that can see or know righteousness, peace and joy. The wicked are like the troubled sea, continually casting up mire and dirt. Man can have no hope beyond the grave outside of Christ. Man is not saved by his good works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith." (Eph. 2: 8). The man who boasts of salvation by his good works is denying Christ. A truly saved person becomes his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works and he makes his boast in the Lord. A saved person is a peculiar person and is zealous of good works. (Titus 2: 14). The Spirit worketh in him mightily to perform the will of God. He doeth good works because the Spirit worketh in Him. "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Rom. 8: 9.

There is entirely too many people expecting to get through on their profession of good works or the keeping of rites and ceremonies. Some think they are going to get to heaven because they accept the true name, "Church of God". The name will mean nothing if they have not the Spirit of Christ. If all who claim the name, "Church of God", were yielding to the working of the Spirit in them, there would be no lack or lagging, because the Spirit of God would work in them mightily to supply the needs of the ministers and print shops and gospel workers until the sound of the gospel would reach every ear. Men and women who are denying Christ the right to work in their soul to give liberally and advance the cause of God in the earth, and at the same time are working and striving to have or to hold earthly treasures for old age or for children, have worldly wisdom but fail to have Godly wisdom. Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given unto; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over— shall men give unto your bosom." (Luke 6: 38). The Psalmist David said: "Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Paul told Timothy to charge those that were rich in this world to not trust

in uncertain riches, but in the living God. "That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate." 1 Tim. 6: 17, 18. Some think if God would favor them with plenty, they would give liberally. If one does not give liberally of the little they have, they would not give liberally if they possessed much. Jesus did not commend the Pharisees who gave of their abundance, even though they cast in much, but He said that the widow who cast in two mites had cast in more than they all. (Mark 12: 44). She cast in all her living. By doing this, she showed faith in God to supply her needs. I suppose some of our holiness professors would say that she did not use good business sense. To the worldly minded it is not good business sense to trust God so far that you become peculiar; they forget that we are a peculiar people, zealous of good works. It is Godly business sense to give part or all as the Spirit worketh in you to do. This is faith and righteous works that are wrought in God and it will bring a rich reward. To lay down a law for a Christian to give all, or a part, or so much, would be laying a foundation for man to get to heaven by his works. Each one should yield to God and give as the Spirit purposes in his or her heart, whether it be little or much. This is the only way to be happy and free, and to lay up treasures in heaven. Every soul that has the Spirit of Christ will be zealous in giving and doing all they can to get truth to souls and keep the gospel going. They will live to live again; will sow to the Spirit and not to the flesh; will not become weary in well-doing (Gal. 6: 8, 9).

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A Bible minister is one that is sober and of good behavior, no striker, (with fist or tongue) not greedy of filthy lucre, (1 Tim. 5: 3; money) patient, ruling his own house well, having his children in subjection with all gravity (divine love). The children are obedient; not quarreling, fussing and wrangling among themselves. For if he knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God.

He must have a good report from them without, (should be careful or slow to borrow money or make debts; if he make a debt, he should be prompt to pay, making his word good with all) lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

The wife must be grave, not a slanderer, sober, and faithful in all things; reverence her husband, giving him honor as head of the house even as Christ is head of the Church.

A true minister will be careful to be an example to the flock in Christ-likeness in all his business rela-

tions with those within and without the flock that he bring no reproach upon the cause or discourage any little one.

A minister who becomes anxious to preach only in places where he thinks they will give him much means has become greedy of filthy lucre, and has his eye on your pocket book more than the welfare of your soul. Saints should shake loose from him for their own soul's sake as well as his. Saints who are not careful to supply the needs of the Lord's minister laboring among them are shriveling their souls and giving the devil a chance to discourage the minister. Let us all look to God and live much at the feet of Jesus, letting His Spirit quicken in good works as lively stones in the building, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God (Rom. 8: 14).

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In this issue we have a number of camp-meetings advertised to be held in the next few months. We are glad to see and to know that the people of God are zealous in having these meetings, and we are praying that God will save many souls this summer, sanctify believers and heal afflicted bodies. We believe that there is going to be a good harvest of souls. This will be brought about by much fasting and praying, for nothing can be accomplished unless God is moved on His throne. Let every saint go into these meetings with a burden for souls upon them, and talk more to God than anyone else. Laying on your face in the early morning hours and asking God for this or that soul to be saved, and for His Spirit to work with power in the meetings, will accomplish more toward the saving of souls than abundance of talk without much prayer.

We are prepared to print bills for your camp-meeting. You will notice the advertisement on the camp-meeting page of this paper. You should advertise your meeting widely, so that people will know where to come to hear the gospel and get saved.

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We have received several letters lately in which the persons stated that they were burdened for the printing work and would like very much to send means to help us meet the expense of the work, but just didn't have it. Of course, this does not pay our bills, but we appreciate it and our hearts are encouraged as we know that they are praying and others are praying. We know that prayer moves God on His throne; that the cattle on a thousand hills are His; that we are His children; that He loves His own, and no good thing will He withhold from those that walk uprightly; that He will not let one of His children

suffer above that which they are able to bear; that He has told us to "cast all our care on Him for He cares for us". That God our heavenly Father is more just, more righteous and more able and willing to avenge us of our adversary than the unjust judge was to avenge the widow who continually kept coming. Our trust, our faith, our confidence are all in Him who has all power both in heaven and in earth, and who has made us heirs of God and joint heirs with Himself.

The tracts and papers thus far have been kept steadily going out and they reach many souls, bringing light and consolation to them. This rejoices our hearts and gives us strong decision to move on in His fear. Faith in God is a mighty weapon with which to bring down your enemies. The shield of faith will ward off all the fiery darts of the enemy; will close the lion's mouth; will multiply the loaves and fishes; will fill the vessels with oil to sell to pay the debt for the widow incurred by the death of her husband (2 Kings 4: 7). Faith will raise the dead and cast out demons; will save the soul and preserve the soul, body and spirit blameless unto His coming. We have a portion of heaven in our soul now, but by far, the greater part is awaiting over there. Brethren, the reward is greater than we can comprehend; the glories awaiting are untold, unseen and not half guessed. Give yourself wholly to Him; reserve nothing, for these light afflictions are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Press on, brother, press on, sister; we win the race by yielding and letting the fruits of the Spirit shine out. We are not of the world, even as He is not of the world. If the world has hated Him, it will also hate us. Let us go forth without the gate, bearing His reproach. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning YOU.

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If the Lord wants you to write to us for tracts, papers or booklets, or to encourage our souls, do not fail to do so, as we love to hear from the 'redeemed'. If you are receiving the *Faith and Victory* paper and did not subscribe for it, a friend has subscribed for you. No charges will ever be made against any one. We are anxious to get this paper in as many homes as possible. God says: "My word shall not return to me void; but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." (Isa. 55: 11). Let each reader send in as many subscribers as you can. God is depending on you to co-operate with us in getting this truth to the people.

May God bless and richly encourage every reader to walk in the glorious liberty of the Son of God.

CAMP MEET

If you want hand bills for your Camp-meeting, we will print you six hundred for \$3.50 and postpay them to you. You can send the money out of collections taken up in your camp-meeting, if this is more convenient for you. You ought to have hand bills to scatter out and advertise your meeting. There will be some printed on card-board with each order to tack up in public places. We shall be glad to do this work for you to help increase the crowds at your camp-meeting.

— NOTICE —

There will be an OLD TIME campmeeting of the Church of God at E. Akron, Ohio on corner of Chittenden and Bittertaken Sts., July 8 to 17. This meeting is for the glory of God, for the gathering of God's children, and for a great feast from Father's table, so please let none bring trouble of any kind that should be settled at home. Able ministers are expected to preach the Word of God in its fullness. The meeting will be run on free-will offering plan. Come prepared to care for yourselves as much as possible, but let none stay away if you are not able to do so. We believe the good Lord will provide the needs. For further information write H. S. Chaney, 426 Weeks St. or Cordelia R. Jones, 740 Roscoe St. E. Akron, Ohio

MISSOURI STATE CAMP-MEETING

The Missouri State Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held on the corner of Fort and State Sts., Springfield, Mo., August 18 to 28.

This is an old-time camp-meeting where ministers filled with the Holy Ghost will be free to preach the Word of God. The power of God will be present to save sinners, sanctify believers, heal the sick and cast out devils.

All are earnestly invited to attend this meeting; if you are saved, come to enjoy a feast at Father's table, also to help those who need help; if you are not saved, come and get saved. Those needing help on any line, come. Saints, time is short and let us all do what we can. As all understand, it is necessary to have provisions to carry on a camp-meeting, and as this is a state camp-meeting, let all the saints everywhere be interested enough to help carry the burden by sending vegetables, fruit, groceries or money--anything that can be used in a camp-meeting.

This meeting will be run on a free-will offering plan. Everybody welcome. Bring bedding and straw tick; straw will be furnished free on the ground.

Those wanting rooms or tents write E. D. Gibson, 717 S. Lexington St., Springfield, Mo., phone 5538. Those sending free-will offerings, send to H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Ave., Springfield, Mo., phone 4510-W.
— Mrs. L. V. Anderson, Pastor

NEOSHO, MO. CAMP-MEETING

The Camp-meeting at Neosho, Mo. will be held July 22nd to July 31st inclusive.

The Lord willing, we expect to erect the tabernacle on the 16th of July, and will have revival services each night, July 17th to 22nd. We feel that the interest of the former camp-meetings here have been such as would justify a longer meeting, so we desire both saints and sinners to be present. Those coming to attend the revival services ahead of the camp-meeting and intend to camp, please write us and provision will be made for you to have a place to stay.

For any particulars, write Bro. John Strech, R. 2, Neosho, Mo.

BLACKFORD, KY. CAMP-MEETING

The Camp-meeting of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky. will be held Aug. 11th to 21st.

U. S. Highway No. 60 passes within about one mile of grounds. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. Bring straw ticks and covers, if possible. Straw will be furnished free.

We are expecting ministers filled with the Spirit and power of God to be here to expound the Word of God in its fullness, free from every taint of compromise. Meeting will be run by free-will offerings.

For further information, address the writer,
— Thos. A. Bean, Blackford, Ky.

TULSA, OKLA. CAMP-MEETING

The Church of God camp-meeting at Tulsa, Okla. will be held at North Norfolk and Pine Place, July 8th to 17th. This is earlier than usual, but it will give

the Missouri saints a chance to attend the Tulsa meeting, and will also give the Okla. saints a chance to attend the Missouri camp-meetings.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Everybody is invited to attend and share the good things given from heaven's store house. Justification, sanctification and divine healing will be taught and preached by Holy Ghost ministers. If you are unsaved, come to this meeting. If you need to be sanctified or healed of bodily afflictions, come to this meeting. Your presence will be appreciated.

For further information, write to W. B. Bryant, R. 4, Box 57, or B. J. Douglas, R. 4, B. 56, Tulsa, Okla.

NOTICE

The five Glass sisters who live in eastern Mo. are desiring to attend the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting. Three of them are crippled and they have no way of getting to the meeting unless the saints will send in means to pay the expense of bringing them.

We put a notice in the paper last year for them, and the saints responded and they attended the meeting which was a great blessing to them. Bro. Strehl, who lives at Neosho, Mo. Route 2, is willing to go after them and take them home if the saints will furnish the means. If you want to help them to this meeting, send means to him for this purpose. The cost of making the two trips will be perhaps \$25.00.

"Go To Him"

The Word says, "Go to him" when anyone has sinned against us. We will read it in the Word. "If therefore thou shalt bring thy oblation to the altar, (oblation is the offering of a gift to God in sacred service, such as thanksgiving and praise) and shalt there remember that thy brother hath any offence against thee, leave there thy oblation before the altar, and go first and be reconciled with thy brother; and then come and present thy oblation". (Syriac New Testament. Matt. 5:23,24). Now we will read the Authorized, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath sinned against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." The meaning is the same. This means that we must do all in our power to live in peace with all mankind; at least, we must not be the offender. But if we have been the offender we must not try to bring an offering to God before we have put forth an effort to make

peace with those that we have offended. The Word says, "Go thy way, be reconciled first, then come." We must live at peace as much as lieth in us.

When Jesus said, "Come unto me," He had left the throne of glory that peace might be restored between God and man. Through His Word and Spirit, He still cries, "Come unto me and I will give you rest!" Come unto me, and I will give you my peace. Come unto me and I will give you pardon and the hope of heaven, as a reward for your faithfulness to Me while here on earth.

He came to earth as a peacemaker, and will we, too, be a peacemaker? Will we go out of the way to restore peace where it has been destroyed? Will we do what we can that those who know not the love of God, might be brought into the fold of Christ. If we do, we are a peacemaker, and are doing the will of God.

When God is in us, we are for peace, and have good-will unto man in our hearts. Even if someone has been mean unto us, we will not hold a grudge or wish them ill. We must then pray for them as the Word tells us to. Yes, have a forgiving spirit even though they never come to us. If we do this, God holds us firmly in His hand.

The Spirit of God is a forgiving Spirit. Jesus told His disciples that they should forgive seventy times seven, in case that their pardon was begged that often. Then, if He taught them to be forgiving, should we not believe that He would be forgiving should we need to come often to Him if we should fail when trying to do His will with all of our heart? This does not cover wilful transgression though. Premeditated sin, thinking that God will forgive if I only say, "Lord, forgive," without a bit of godly sorrow — God has no pleasure in such a prayer. We must desire to live the godly life with all of our heart, then God is touched with our cry for help. God wants to have peace with us, and only where righteousness and godliness are, is there any peace.

Evil-speaking, etc. does not come from a heart filled with the love of God. The love of God works a great change in the one who has it. It is willing to see others blessed above our own selves. The love of God in us will lift others up to the throne of God, that His blessings might fall upon them. Love of God will cause self to sink out of sight and God be glorified. The more we manifest love toward those who mistreat us, the more we glorify God. Gentleness, kindness, love and tears take all starch out of the offender, where wrath and fury utterly fails. Love, tears and tenderness are powerful as a good gentle rain.

— I. Edith Kriebel

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

EDITORIAL

Many years ago a very devout Christian made this statement of truth: "The Christian is a master of the situation of life, with a peace that nothing disturbs and a joyful faith in God which sees all things working for his good, and contributing to his highest happiness." My dear friend, is this true in your experience? It is for you to be a master of the situation of life. No matter what the situations, circumstances, or conditions surrounding you, the Christian life places you on the throne above every other life to triumph, and by the sceptral wave of undaunted faith in God these things all result to your good. Be it yours to take your place as master of life.

This triumphant life of joy and peace through faith begins when we are saved from sin. Salvation was made possible by the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. Through His death and resurrection we can reign and rule in this life and in the world to come. What a wonderful salvation! It is of untold value.

Are you a master today or a slave to sin? Jesus will set you free, and wash your sins away in His own blood. He is knocking at your heart's door now, awaiting admittance. If you will let Him in, He will place you on a throne to rule, and through Christ you can command all things to work for your happiness.

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May the Lord bless and reward those who are not "fainting by the way," but continue to be zealous for God's cause through this section, and thereby inspiring other young people. If we fail to do all the good we know to do, we are failing in our duty to God and man. This is serious responsibility. Examine yourself to see if you are clear.

Let us beware of inconstant, spasmodic religion—one day on the mountain top, and the next day down and out. Be instant in season and out of season.

"Keep On Shining"

Some precious thoughts of encouragement came to my mind while reading the words, "The cloud may hide the sun, but it can not stop it from shining," which were given in another paper. O, how deep is the meaning of these words! In the Christian life we have many battles to fight. The enemy of our souls is always trying to overcome some precious soul.

Are you, dear young saints, having trials and temptations hard to bear? Keep on shining for God. The clouds may gather, others may scorn us and misrepresent us and it may seem all our efforts for doing good for the Master are hid from view by clouds of trials, but keep on shining. God's grace is sufficient to carry you through every trial and test, and after a while the clouds will break away and the sun light of your Christian life will shine brighter than ever before, and others will be made to see that truly salvation "keeps" those who have received it, even amid the trying times of life. Let us think upon God's care and love for us, and His power to keep us. In Isa. 43:2 we read, "When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not over-flow thee: when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle up on thee." Here we see that God will care for us through all the trials of life. We need fear nothing, because He said, "I will be with thee." He also says in Ps. 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go." So let us be encouraged to cling unto God with all our hearts and when the battles of life are over, there will be a crown for all those who have lived the life of Jesus.

Your Sister saved and sanctified — Susie Whipple

The Young Christian

"Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." (Heb. 13:13).

I can not give it up,

The little world I know—

The innocent delights of youth,

The things I cherish so!

'Tis true, I love my Lord,

And long to do His will;

But oh, I may enjoy the world

And be a Christian still.

I love the hour of prayer,

I love the hymns of praise;

I love the blessed Word which tells

Of God's redeeming grace.

But—I am human still!

And while I dwell on earth,

God surely will not grudge the hours

I spent in harmless mirth!

These things belong to youth,
 And are its natural right—
 My dress, my pastimes and my friends,
 The merry and the bright.
 My Father's heart is kind!
 He will not count it ill
 That my small corner of the world
 Should please and hold me still!

And yet—"outside the camp"—
 'Twas there my Savior died!
 It was the world that cast Him forth
 And saw Him crucified.
 Can I take part with those
 Who nailed Him to the tree?
 And where His name is never praised.
 Is there the place for me?

Nay, world! I turn away,
 Tho' thou seem fair and good;
 That friendly, outstretched hand of thine
 Is stained with Jesus' blood.
 If in thy least device
 I stoop to take a part,
 All unaware, thine influence steals
 God's presence from my heart.

I miss my Savior's smile,
 Whene'er I walk thy ways;
 Thy laughter drowns the Spirit's voice,
 And chokes the springs of praise.
 Whene'er I turn aside
 To join thee for an hour,
 The face of Christ grows blurred and dim,
 And prayer has lost its power!

Farewell. . . Henceforth my place
 Is with the Lamb who died.
 My Sovereign! While I have Thy love,
 What can I want beside?
 Thyself, blest Lord, art now
 My free and loving choice,
 In whom, though now I see Thee not,
 Believing, I rejoice.

Shame on me that I sought
 Another joy than this,
 Or dreamt a heart at rest with Thee
 Could crave for earthly bliss!
 These vain and worthless things,
 I put them all aside;
 His goodness fills my longing soul,
 And I am satisfied.

Lord Jesus! let me dwell
 "Outside the camp" with Thee!
 Since Thou art there, then there alone
 Is peace and rest for me.
 Thy dear reproach to bear
 I'll count my highest gain,
 Till Thou return, Rejected One,
 And I a crown of life obtain!

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PRAYER REQUEST

All the saints are requested to pray earnestly for Marie Martin, a young girl in school who has symptoms of T. B. Her mother is saved and trusts the Lord and she desires the saints to pray for her daughter that God will completely heal her of this trouble. Sister Martin lives at Oklahoma City, Okla. and is a devoted saint of God.

"Be" An Example

In 1 Tim. 4:12 Paul was exhorting Timothy and said, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers."

We as young people who have been saved and in this way for a time, should feel more responsible of being an example to those that are newly saved. Paul was speaking to a young minister here, and truly the minister must be an example of the believers, but I feel it is good advice for all of us. As we all know that the newly saved are looking to us to be an example, I feel led to give an exhortation through the Young People's Section.

Dear Young People, let us remember that souls are watching us, even when we do not realize it. It is sometimes said, we should be an example; while at the same time, some seem to never settle it, that they truly will be an example. Now, the Bible does not say, we should be, but it says, "Be an example." If we say we should be an example and never become an example, we are then hearers of the Word only, and not doers. The Word of God tells us in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only." When the Word of God tells us to be an example, we must do that and not say, we should, and never become such.

So then as Paul was advising Timothy to be an example of the believers in the word, in Faith, in purity, so let us also be an example.

We must be very careful what words we say and how we speak, especially when the cares and toils of

life surround us. Here is when we need the abundant grace of God and the real love of Jesus in our soul, for truly some one is watching the example we are setting. We must be very careful that we do not say things that would stir up anger and wrath. In Prov. 15:1 we read, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." It will surely take charity to always be able to give such an answer that it will turn away wrath. But some times people get mad, even when we have been as kind as possible, but then we can not help it. We have done what we could. But let us be careful that we speak the truth in love. Here we can be an example in charity and also in Spirit. Truly, some one is noticing what kind of a spirit we have. Sometimes when friends misunderstand, do we show forth the fruits of the Spirit of Christ, which is love, joy peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance? Are we the example we should be?

For the example that we should be in conversation, we will read in Eph. 4 beginning with the 22nd verse, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts: and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." The 29th verse says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good." Then in the next chapter and the 4th verse, it says some more: "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Now let us look at ourselves and see if we have put off the conversation that we had while we lived in sin, and since we got saved, does it look as if we have been renewed in the spirit of our mind, having put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness? Will you notice in Eph. 4: 29 how it says, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. This means that if we will live the example as we should, it will do others good or edify them and will prove to them that Jesus' grace is sufficient to keep us from all ungodliness and will help us to live a clean and holy life for the Lord.

In 1 Pet. 2: 1 let us read some more, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking," and in James 4: 11 it says, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." On this line, if we are not careful, we may not really speak evil of our brethren, but if we do not have the real love of Jesus in our soul, the enemy may tempt us to say as much to harm as possible without speaking evil. But such as that is no example. Neither is it

any example in charity, Spirit nor purity.

We must also be an example in purity in our dress. I expect we all know for ourselves that it is not pure and holy for any one to wear sleeveless and low-neck dresses. James 1:27 says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." So then if we dress and act as the world in any way, then we are not the example in purity that we should be.

We must also be an example in faith, and trust Jesus in every thing and at all times. It would not be a very good example in faith if we should look to the doctor to heal us when we are sick, or if we should become a begger when in need of means, or if we should provide in some way to have enough money always in store just because of fear that the Lord would not provide in time of need. Oh, let us be an example.

— Carolina Eck

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Washington C. H. Ohio. — Dear Publishers of the *FAITH and VICTORY*: I enjoyed reading your sample copy of *Faith and Victory*! I got a lot of soul food out of it. Am sending \$25 for 1 year subscription. I pray that the Lord will always let you print it. I will send little offerings along to help in any way.

Here is my testimony: I am a girl seventeen years of age and serving the Lord. Praise His name forever. I can truly say that when the Lord saved me He took ungodliness out of me. I pray that if He sees any fit work for me to do only let me do it. If there are any girls near my age that feel they need encouragement or are not saved, just write to Miss Betty Shackelford, 1235 E. Rawling St., Washington C. H., Ohio., and I will gladly help you all I can.

I need your prayers, dear saints, that I will always be a Christian.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, — Betty Shackelford

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Loranger, La. — Dear young readers of the *Faith and Victory*: May the Lord encourage you that are saved to press the battle on until the end, and to you who are not saved, I truly pray that the time will be hastened when you will accept Jesus as your Saviour and get prepared for His second coming. For according to the signs of the time, I truly don't believe it will be long till we will see Him coming back to receive His own. Praise the Lord! We can be ready.

I have felt impressed for some time to add my testimony to the little paper. Not merely because there is a "Young People's Section" in which to put

it, but to the glory of God and for the encouragement of some eternity bound soul.

I thank the dear Lord to-night for salvation. I thank Him for giving me a desire to give up all the world, thus giving me a desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I know it means much to follow the example that Jesus has set before us, and the question is — are we following it? Dear souls, we must, if we ever get to heaven. May the Lord help us to examine ourselves, so that we may see just how we stand before Him (myself included). I am often made to ask the Lord to help me see myself just as He sees me. I truly believe, if sometimes we could see ourselves just as the Lord sees us, we could see altogether a different picture from what we do see.

Oh! dear souls, let's be stirred about our souls more than anything else. I am not writing this to merely fill space, but because I feel led of the Lord to warn the saints of the careless, indifferent feeling that the devil is trying to place on the saints of God. I am sorry to say, but he is getting it on some. It is more destructive than war ever was. For it does not only destroy the body, but the soul — the soul that must spend the long eternity some where.

By the help of the Lord, I mean to have a closer walk with Him in the future than I have ever had in the past. By His help I will set a Godly example before the saved and unsaved; by the way I dress, talk, act, and by the places I attend. By His help I will walk in the light as He shines it upon my pathway, lest darkness overtakes me. Then, in so doing, I will surely some day reach the pearly gates.

Your Sis. in the Lord, — Alta B. Williamson

Guthrie, Okla. —Dear young people: This morning I am truly thanking God for salvation above every thing in this world. It is the best thing we can possess in this world. There is nothing in this world that I'd rather have than real, Bible salvation; it surely satisfies my soul.

I thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me, also for answering my prayers so many times. He is always so near and ready to help His trusting child at all times and any place. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry (Psa. 34: 15). Thank God for His encouraging promises.

Sometimes I just wonder how people can go on in sin, and they don't seem to ever think about their soul's welfare; however, I believe they will be stopped sometime somewhere, and, no doubt, they will think very seriously over those things. It is best to think

now and begin counting the cost while you have time and opportunity.

May God help all of His young people to be just what He wants us to be; grow stronger in Him and let our highest aim in life be to do God's will, is my prayer.

Your Sister, — May Belle Miles.

Oklahoma City, Okla. —Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I often think of Grandma Spradling. May the Lord bless her. I believe the Lord will take her thru alright. I often think we are young now, yet we cannot tell but that some day we may require such care. I want to do whatever the Lord expects of me. I know He doesn't ask us to do more than we are able to do.

I do pray for the young people at the publishing office. May they be encouraged and do what there is for them to do. I feel they are doing so much, for the papers and tracts go far and near. The Lord will reward them if they remain faithful.

I have been saved about two years and I have enjoyed Christian life very much. The devil doesn't want us to have faith in God. I used to be good at doubting. Sometimes the devil would have me doubting about my salvation, etc. When I got where I could be alone, I prayed and searched myself. I could find nothing that should make me feel so miserable. Now I think, how foolish I was to let the devil tell me things. I want to live so close to Him and be more like Jesus that I will be able to stand against all that is unlike God. He did so much for me. I want to be merciful, tender, kind and true. Without faith we cannot become more like Christ. I have faith in God. I believe in Him and feel so much better. I don't know what I would do without Jesus. It seems I couldn't live without Him. I am encouraged and I want to please God. I am very much afraid to displease Him even in the very least. He has helped me in time of trouble time after time. I will not doubt again. I am putting forth all my will power on His side. I am looking away from myself and my doubts unto Jesus. I know He is faithful. I know it because He says so, and I believe His Word.

As a certain Brother said, "I believe we are going to make it." Yes, I know we will make it to heaven by faith and trust in Him. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; all ye that hope in the Lord (Psa. 31: 24). We have so many wonderful promises. I don't see why anyone should get discouraged. The devil brings many temptations, trying to

discourage but whoso harkeneth unto Me, shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil (Prov. 1: 33). Take your burdens to the Lord, for He is our burden bearer and no evil will hurt us. We will dwell safely if we have our trust in Him. Read Romans 8: 35, 38 and 39.

I remain your Sister in His service,
— Selma Hiebert.

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Marshall, Mich. —Dear Bro. in Christ: The good Lord saved and sanctified me, and He keeps me every day.

For the benefit of some other soul I will tell how the Lord delivered me from the tobacco habit after being a slave for forty years. When the Lord saved me I told Him I had tried many times in my own strength to no avail, and asked Him to help me. Oh, how wonderfully He did deliver me! I have never had one strong temptation, for which I give God all the glory. So many times He has healed my body when afflicted. Praise His holy name.

A Brother, — Wm. L. Vanganett

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Winslow, Ark. —Dear ones in Christ Jesus: I really thank God just now for redeeming me and saving my soul from a devil's hell.

I know it means much to trust in God. But if we accept Him as our Savior He will forgive us of our sins and wash us in His atoning blood and make us whiter than snow. He said in His Word, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa. 1: 18). We find again in His Word, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear." (Isa. 59: 1). Praise the Lord. I know He is the same Christ yesterday, today and forever. He is still on His throne interceding at the Father's right hand, saving all who will come unto Him, for it is His will that all should come to repentance and that not any should perish.

I want to speak a word to the young people. I exhort them to keep their eyes upon Jesus their Savior, for it means so much to take a stand for God. Be ye separate from the world, for there are many temptations and allurements to lead them astray. The old enemy the devil is very great; he is walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5: 8). Again He said, "Casting all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you." (1 Pet. 5: 7). He is the only one who can carry us through if we but put our

trust in Him.

God loves an honest heart. Although friends may go back on you and have no confidence in you, yet I believe Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Praise His precious name.

I want to go on with God and be able to see the end of a Christian life. I know it will mean much, but God is able to take us through. He says in His Word, "All things are possible with God."

Will close with Christian love,

— Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

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Guthrie, Okla. — To the Saints scattered abroad: I feel like the Lord would have me write my testimony through *Faith and Victory* for the encouragement of some precious soul.

Truly the Lord has been good to me, healing my body when very sick and answering prayer in so many ways. Dear ones, I am not discouraged, even though sometimes the clouds hang dark about us, and so many are departed from the faith and the devil is doing all he can to cause division. Thank God, there are some left who will dare to stand true. I thank God this morning for this precious way. I realize it is a much despised way, a humble way, and a way over which no unclean thing can pass, but only the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there. It is a narrow way, but wide enough for all who will accept it, and I thank God I accepted it many years ago. Have no desire to turn back. I am not looking for new light nor something better, for I feel and realize it's the best thing this side of *Heaven*. What was truth fifty years ago is still truth. I am glad we had good examples in those days and some are still living. Praise our God.

I feel this morning that the need of the saints is to be more stirred in our souls. The enemy is 'at work, dear ones, and we need to get down in more earnestness before God for the salvation of precious souls. We, or most of us have sons and daughters who need to get saved, and this is a time — if there ever was a time — that saints need to pray and not talk so much. It seems sad when we see so many without employment. Seems a good time for them to go to meeting and study the Word of God, but it seems they just go carelessly along, taking no heed as though they will make it through in some way.

We are surely living in the last days, and these are the perilous times spoken of in 2nd Timothy, third chapter.

When have any of us ever seen such times as we see to day? Without natural affections, false ac-

users and despisers of those who are good, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and all ungodliness. So many who claim to get saved, just can't give up the pleasures of this world, and soon backslide. Some have a form of godliness but deny the power. They tell about how good the Lord is to them, how He hears and answers prayer, heals their bodies when they get sick. but let a real test come, then they fly the tracts, get scared and think God is not able to heal such a serious case as this, so resort to doctors and remedies. Poor souls, God wants us to stand true in the hottest test. What man is it that would make a piece of machinery and would not be able to mend the broken parts? I feel his machinery would not be worth much, for all things become worn and perhaps broken by using, so why not believe that God, who formed our bodies, made a man out of the dust, took a rib from his side and made a woman, could heal our bodies of any and every affliction? I can say for myself I believe there is nothing too hard for my God to do. I believe with all my heart He could actually make a new bone or any part which was needful, should we pray earnestly and believe we would get what we asked for. We are serving a mighty God; not a little, weak, puny God like some seem to think — just heals the little things, and we have to have the doctor for serious cases. Saints of God, wake up! God wants people who can stand the test. Those who endure to the end the same shall be saved. Mk. 13:13.

Dear ones, my determination is to endure to the end, and may God help us not to put a stone of stumbling in any one's way. nor be a reproach to His cause. But let us live just what we teach, for people are watching our lives, and how we need to be a real example in this sin-cursed world!

Please pray or me, every one who reads this, for I need your prayers that God will be pleased with me while I stay in this time world and until He sees fit to take me to Himself.

Yours, for the true way, — Sister C. Miles

Duncan, Okla. — Dear Saints everywhere: Greeting in the name of our blessed Saviour. I am thanking God this morning for our loving Lord Jesus. Truly He is the rock of our Salvation. We as Children of God should seek to build on the foundation which Jesus laid, proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. (Eph. 5:10)

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation where with ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love: en-

deavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:1-3). Truly the children need to be more in unity; and live nearer the Lord and have more desire for the poor, needy lost souls for whom Christ died. I am just thanking God for His goodness and mercy to His people, also for the well of salvation, and the wonderful healing fountain which is offered us every day.

Now dear unsaved souls please read His Word and believe Him, for He is the way, the truth and the life." We can't believe every wind of doctrine. We must live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. "Now, I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences 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 words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (Rom. 16:17-18).

I desire the prayers of the dear saints that I may be able to stand. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Your Sister in Jesus, — Mrs. Maggie Wiseman

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Hennessey, Okla. — Dear Ones: I feel led to write my testimony in the little paper this morning.

I am yet saved, living for the dear Lord, and all on the altar for the dear Lord. He is my keeper by day and by night. I am determined to press onward and upward. I am glad for victory over the powers of the enemy. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing me. I want to continue to stay where the blessings will fall. The Lord is calling for me to come closer to Him. I am glad I can hear His loving voice. Bless His name. He heals me when I am sick. For sixteen years I haven't taken a drop of medicine. I trust Him for soul and body.

Pray for me that I remain true and watchful to the end.

Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. ANNIE WILEY

Scriptures Of Vital Importance

"In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:1-11).

"Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38-44).

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born of the water and of the Spirit or he could not enter into

heaven. (John 3:3-13). "After these things came Jesus and His disciples into the land of Judea and there He tarried with His disciples and baptized" or immersed, which is the same. (John 3:20-25). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And all that believed were together and had all things common, sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need and they continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:37 to 47).

"For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of one body being many are one body, as also is Christ." (1 Cor. 12:11-27). "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." (Heb. 2:14).

"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 15:6-7). "One father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all. Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:3 to the last of the chapter). "Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same things and that there be no division among you but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same judgment." (1 Cor. 1:10). Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the scriptures and preached unto the Eunuch, Jesus and then as they went their way the Eunuch said to Philip see here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? The Eunuch had faith in God and Jesus, then Philip baptized the Eunuch and the Holy Ghost caught away Philip and the Eunuch saw Philip no more, and the Eunuch went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:34-40).

This is a command of God, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other languages as the Holy Ghost gave utterance. (Acts 2:1-6). For the Holy Ghost is promised to all that God calls. For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

It is according to God's precious word that there will be great tribulation on the earth before the end shall come and Jesus warned the Church of God against these things. There will be great tribulations

such was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets. (Matt. 24:21-28). And Jesus also said, take heed that ye be not deceived, for many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ and the time draweth near. Turn to Luke 31:8to9. There is a long robed crowd known as scribes. Watch for them. This is a religious sect. (Luke 20:46-47). There are 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 figned words make merchandise of you; whose judgment not of a long time lingereth not and their damnation slumbereth not. For God spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment. (2 Peter 2:1-10).

We see that if the Church has no works it is dead, even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone. (James 2:17-26). We as saints or the Church of God can plainly see that it is holiness of hell. Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. (Heb. 12:14). 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 thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim.3:15-17). Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb 13:8). Leaving these important scriptures with you, I am praying God to bless them to your eternal welfare. Yours, for all of God's Word,

— John M. Doss

How God Answered With Snakes

Sometimes we read of some blatant atheist who challenges God to strike him dead, or to do some other spectacular thing in order to prove His existence, but it is rarely indeed that God takes up such challenge in the form in which it is made. However, in the case we are considering God did accept an atheist's challenge, and accepted it in such remarkable way that the infidel's grave is preaching effective sermons to many people week after week and year after year. The case here related is not one that occurred in the distant past, and which no one can investigate today.

Any one with an automobile and a little spare time can see for himself, and large numbers of people are doing that very thing. It was my privilege not long ago to make the trip to North Benton, Ohio, to see the cemetery of which I shall speak.

The atheist in question was Mr. Chester Bedell, who died in 1908 at the age of eighty-two. He is said to have been a very bold and blatant skeptic, and was outspoken in opposition to God and the Bible. I was told that he was a very mean man and that neighbors and others were afraid that if they crossed him they might get up the next morning to find their barn burned to the ground or other damage done. It is declared that he left one dollar each to his two Christian daughters and his 2,500 acres of land to his two unbelieving sons. He was in many law suits during his life. It is said that he occasionally attended the Presbyterian Church in the town of North Benton, and that his presence threw such coldness over the service as soon as he entered that it almost broke up the meeting.

The direct challenge which Mr. Bedell hurled at the Almighty was this: "If there is a God or any truth in the Bible, let Him infest my grave with snakes." He wrote a book against the Bible entitled, "Universal Mental Liberty." Some time before his death he had an imposing statue of himself made of bronze and placed upon a large pedestal. In his uplifted hand is a book with the inscription, "UNIVERSAL MENTAL LIBERTY." Under his foot is a scroll representing the Bible, with the word "Superstition" in large letters. A minister visited one of Mr. Bedell's daughters for information, and she said her father had belonged to "The Society of Damned Souls" and had said that if there was a God he wanted Him to infest his grave with snakes. His daughter says that when he was dying he said, "Oh, that I had never had that monument built," and wished he were able to go over to the cemetery and tear it down, but it was too late.

And what was the sequel? *Snakes!* When the grave was dug the sexton killed two snakes, and when the casket was brought to the grave another large snake had to be removed before it could be lowered. That was twenty-four years ago, and since that time the family lot has been full of snake holes around the curbing. The snakes can be seen any day you visit the cemetery, except perhaps the day after a rain. The sexton told me that under the monument and around the grave is a den of snakes. And an equally remarkable fact is that this burial lot is the only place in the cemetery where snakes are ever found — so the sexton declared to me in a talk that I had with him.

The North Benton cemetery has a regularly employed sexton who takes excellent care of the grounds.

The trip which I made to North Benton was by auto from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. North Benton is just eighty miles from Pittsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who took me in their car, had made two previous trips. On one trip they counted eight live snakes. On the other, they saw sixteen that had been killed and piled up by other parties. As we neared the cemetery I felt nervous and somewhat excited. Yes, there was the monument just as it had been described to me! I counted ten angry-looking snake holes around the grave. I have pictures of five snakes, including two large ones crawling from between crevices in the cement curbing. The sexton had killed a blacksnake six feet six inches long just before we came, and said he saw the head of another, the largest he had ever seen, which crawled back before he could kill it. I inquired why there were bloodstains on the statue, and the sexton said boys would come and kill the snakes and throw them up around the neck of Mr. Bedell's statue, and then he would have the task of taking them down. That is almost enough to make the old atheist turn over in his grave. As many as twenty snakes have been killed in a day, and the sexton says that the more you kill the more there seem to be. One expression heard in and around North Benton is, "Well, if Bedell did ask for snakes he sure got 'em!"

The sexton informed me that people come from all over the United States to see the statue and grave, and that previous Sunday, 200 or more people were in the cemetery. Mr. Bedell's sons and some people in the community are pretty much stirred up over the publicity the snakes have brought to the place and have been talking of taking the statue down, feeling that the statue and snakes together are a reflection on their cemetery. Some have told the caretaker that they wished he would tear the monument down, but he replied that he didn't think it should be torn down, as it preached too many sermons.

— BLANCHE E. PERIGO.

"Within my earthly temple there's a crowd;
There is one of us that's humble, one that's proud,
There's one that's broken hearted for his sins,
And one that unrepentant sits and grins.
There's one that loves his neighbor as himself,
And one that cares for naught but fame and self—
From much perplexing care I would be free,
If I could once determine which is me!"