

# 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

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

Jesus is knocking at your heart's door today,  
He is waiting for entrance, Oh do not delay,  
Open your heart's door and let Him come in;  
He will cleanse your heart and save you from sin.

Oh let Him come in, Oh give Him your heart,  
He will stay with you always, He will never depart.  
If you'll trust Him He'll save you, and always be near  
To still every storm, and quell every fear.

Behold I stand at the door and knock,  
Are the words of Jesus, He's the solid Rock,  
On which you may build for eternity,  
And stand every storm, and always be free.

You will always find Him a friend in need,  
And you will always need Him, He's a friend indeed;  
In trouble on Him you can always depend,  
When others accuse He will always defend.

I heard Him knock at my heart's door;  
My soul was sick, my heart was sore,  
But I opened the door and Jesus came in,  
Healed my broken heart, and saved me from sin.

And now I'm so glad I heeded His call;  
He saved me completely, I need never fall,  
For as long as I cling to the Savior of men,  
He will stay in my heart and keep to the end.

Today He is knocking at the door of your heart,  
If you refuse Him, some day He'll depart,  
And leave you to sink in awful despair,  
With no one to blame but yourself, and where?

Will you spend eternity?

Jesus is at your disposal.

What will you do with Him? —Geo. W. Stephenson

## A Vision Of The Church

While reading the book, "Life of D. S. Warner", I was greatly impressed by the vision that Sister Fisher was given by the Lord in the early days of the Reformation. I will here quote the vision as it is recorded in the book.

"At this time Sister Fisher was given a vision. It was of a tower which she and others were constructing with stones that were piled about them in heaps. The foundation was already laid and they were engaged on the superstructure, their work being to polish the stones and fit them for the tower. When polished, the stones were clear as crystal. They were asked where they got such beautiful stones. She replied that they were simply such stones as could be found anywhere. Their beauty was brought out thru the work that was put upon them. The capstone, or headstone, was also perfectly clear, but it had a blood-red spot in the center which shone and shed rays of light like streaks of blood down through all the tower.

"The vision seemed to her so wonderful. She awoke to a full consciousness and said, "Lord, what is it?" He answered, "This is my church." Immediately the scriptures in 1 Cor. 3: 11- 18; Eph. 2: 20- 22 and 1 Cor. 3: 9 came to her mind. She then understood that the church was organized by God, and that it was man's part to work with Him and let Him be Leader and Foreman, and that Jesus was the head of the body."

It seems to me that this is as clear a description of the Church, the building of God, the household of faith, as very well could be given. When a soul repents and through faith in Christ has their soul covered with the blood, they are then washed in the blood of the Lamb and made white. As they walk in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses from all sin. Hence, the blood of Christ in the vision was shedding rays of light, like streaks of blood down through all the tower. Paul says, "Ye are lively stones

in the building." Every blood washed soul is a stone in the building or tower of God, Church of God or house of God. Through lack of knowledge of God's people Satan has many of God's children separated and divided here in this world, and is causing them much grief and sorrow of heart. There are some who discern the body and flow together, composing the building of God or Church of God. They are stones polished and fitted into the building, and the blood of Jesus (the "chief Cornerstone" and Capstone) cleanseth from all sin, knits and binds them together, and they are as one throng marching on to victory. They are God's "white horse cavalry" making war against division, sin and all uncleanness. People do not join the Church of God; they are born in her. Read the 87th Psalm. Those who join man-made churches are separating themselves from the main building, and in a measure work against the interests of God's kingdom through the deception of Satanic powers. Few hold an experience long in that condition, as they become under bondage to man in place of Jesus; cannot be led by the Spirit beyond the will of man. Such curtails their liberty in the Spirit and brings on discouragement, and a profession without possession is the result. Christendom is cursed with men backslidden in heart. The Bible says, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, and a good man is satisfied from himself." (Prov. 14: 14). People backslide in heart and go right on professing. In so doing, they lead many others astray, and in their teaching so wrest the scriptures that saved ones who believe them are soon emptied of Christ and doomed for destruction. The text says, "A good man is satisfied from himself." There are many good moral men, as the world looks at man, who are fooling many people. They are preachers of righteousness, but they are only satisfied from themselves (not from God). They are self-righteous, which is only as "filthy rags" in the sight of God (Isa. 64: 6).

The Church of God, building of God or house of God proper is composed of saved souls: souls washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. They are loose and free from all the organized efforts of man and abide in the one fold (John 10: 16) under the one Governor (Isa. 9: 6). They are one in Spirit, one in purpose and one in heart. They have one Father, one Christ and one Holy Spirit abiding in each soul. Jesus Christ is the Captain of the mighty host that is marching on to certain victory. They all have their bodies presented as living sacrifices, and have great freedom and anointing by the almighty power of God. They are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy

nation, a peculiar people; and they shew forth the praises of Him who has called them out of darkness into this marvelous light (1 Peter 2: 9).

— Fred Pruitt.

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Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Onward goes the pilgrim band,  
Singing songs of expectation,  
Marching to the Promised Land.

One the object of our journey,  
One the faith that never tires,  
One the earnest looking forward,  
One the hope our God inspires.

One the strain that lips of thousands  
Lift as from the heart of one;  
One the conflict, one the peril,  
One the march in God begun.

One the gladness of rejoicing  
On the far eternal shore,  
Where the one Almighty Father  
Reigns in love forevermore.

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Onward, therefore, pilgrim brothers,  
Onward with the Cross our aid!  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle,  
Till we rest beneath its shade.

— Sabine Baring-Gould.

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## The Spirit Of God

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"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life, and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God, but ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be, that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." (Rom. 8: 6- 9).

Let us now notice how the Spirit of Christ manifested itself. First His obedience to His earthly parents. "And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them, but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart" (Luke 2:51).

The above text shows the young Christian's duty to their parents. "Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right, Honor thy Father and mother which is the first commandment with promise; that

it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth," (Eph 6:1-3). Second; His obedience to his Father in heaven. "Then said Jesus unto them, when ye have lifted up the son of man, then shall ye know that I am He and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me I speak these things, and He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." (St. John 8:28-29). Hear the blessed testimony of Jesus our example. Do we as the children of God and ministers in particular speak and do always those things that please our heavenly Father? Or is there an inclination first to please ourselves, then maybe the brethren, and a little to please the world. For if I yet seek to please men I am not the servant of Christ. That would include ourselves. God help us to take heed to danger signals, STOP LOOK, AND LISTEN. (Luke 4:46-49) read it. "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings and do them, I will show you to whom he is like. He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the storm beat vehemently upon that house and could not shake it for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth and doeth not is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth: against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell and the ruin of that house was great." He says again, the words ye hear are not mine, but the Father's that sent me, for I received of my Father, what I say and what I should speak. Do we show we have His Spirit by giving God all the glory, and honor for what we do in His cause? You know He said, He came not to seek His own glory; but the glory of Him that sent Him. He says again, and I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me. If we lift him up in our home, in our dealings, in our preaching, men will be drawn unto Him. They will see in Him their only hope of salvation, for there is none other name given under heaven, among men whereby they must be saved. He is the light of the world. If we follow him we shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. He is the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by Him. He is the true shepherd of the sheep, and says, my sheep hear my voice (His word) and they follow me, and a stranger will they not follow, for they know not the voice of strangers. He is the HEAD of the body, (the church). He built the church, and the government is upon His shoulder to order and establish it, and of the increase of His government and place there

shall be no end. How easy it seems, some at least, when they think things are getting shaky, to put out the human hand to steady it as Uzzah did, and was slain. (2 Sam. 6:7) If we were as Paul said to the brethren at one time, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," there would not be so many big I's and little U's, but we would all be one in Christ. Christ did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. His spirit is a loving spirit, as shone by His actions. When Peter denied Him three times and swore he did not know Him, Jesus did not rail, and call him a hypocrite, but just turned with one look of love, and compassion, that sent Peter out to bitter repentance. Did you ever read of Him ever having peddled the matter among the brethren, and the world? Did He upbraid Thomas for doubting Him? I think not. Then go thou, and do likewise, if ye have His spirit. Did He not say, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," when His murderers were crucifying Him? He surely did. It was His spirit. How did He direct His disciples in case of trespasses, and sin? "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18:12-17) Also verses 21-22, "Then came Peter to Him and said, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him, till seven times? Jesus said unto him I say not unto thee until seven times but seventy times seven." Just think! sinning against us four hundred, and ninety times! How many can by counting carefully, remember having forgiven a brother ten times for actual sins, leaving four hundred and eighty more to prove your love for your brother. We are taught in the Bible to preach the Word. This is part of the sayings and commandments of Christ. Shall we not preach and live them? How many amens do we hear? Listen to this. (1 John 2:6 and 9-11) "He that saith he abideth in Him, ought to walk, even as He walked. He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness and knoweth not whither he goeth, because darkness hath blinded his eyes," (1 John 3:15)

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## EDITORIALS

While we are writing the editorials for this July *Faith and Victory* paper, my soul is rejoicing and we have great peace and comfort from heaven. We are not always so happy and filled with joy as at this present time, as our souls become heavy at times because of Satan’s havoc-working ways, together with financial burdens in keeping the truth printed and the tracts and papers supplied for the many orders which we are glad to receive and anxious to fill. Dating from a few days ago we had been under much burden for several weeks, fasting and praying very much, waiting upon the Lord and the burdens got so heavy that for two days we had taken but very little food with continual praying. To make the matter worse, extraordinary heavy and fiery, Satan caused a severe pain to come upon my weak body, and it grew worse rapidly in spite of prayers and sinking down into God. We asked God to get all the good He could to us out of this affliction. The pain became so severe that we could not rest in any shape, form or manner. It seemed that our time to go had come. For nearly four hours we writhed in this awful pain and misery. Wife asked me if I did not want them to pray for me again. I told her, yes, pray. She called a Brother that was here visiting, then he, Lawrence and she knelt, laid hands on me and prayed a short prayer. The pain was rebuked by the Lord and ceased at once. I went to sleep and slept for half an hour, awoke and had no pain, and the burden that had been so heavy and prolonged was gone. We arose, took some nourishment, went to the office and worked until eleven o’clock that night. We thank God for a Healer in Zion, and also for a burden-bearer, a High Priest who is touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

The next morning we received a letter from a Sister with check enclosed. A portion of the letter read as follows: “I love Him this beautiful morning and am encouraged to do His will. I find peace and joy in living according to His word. I heard that Bro. Pruitt was going to take a trip. Perhaps the little offering will enable him to reach more souls.” We had been asking the Lord to supply us with some means to defray our expenses on our way down to Louisiana. I do not know how this Sister knew that we were going, but the Lord attended to that, and touched her heart concerning the need. It is not hard for the Lord to talk to souls and tell them where and to whom to give means if they have their “bodies presented as a living sacrifice” with a willingness to obey His whisper. There would be much means

drawn out of banks and from hiding places and circulated to the spreading of the Gospel if those, who professed Christ, were all on the altar and had a will-  
ingness in their hearts to obey God.

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We are expecting to start to La. the first part of July. We want to get to Hammond, La. by the 8th of the month as that is the day the camp-meeting begins. We are expecting to go with Bro. Ostis Wilson and wife of Clovis, N. Mex. They will take their car and I will help pay the expense of the trip.

According to our contract with the government we will not publish the *Faith and Victory* for August. We feel that it pleases the Lord for us to attend camp-meetings and hold other meetings in August, and have a little vacation from the continual round of indoor office duties. Wife and my son, Lawrence, will keep the office work going while I am gone. They will attend to the correspondence, fill orders for tracts, and what printing of tracts and other work that is needful Lawrence can do, so the office work will go right on and the gospel will continually be sent forth by the printed page.

While the answer to prayer for means to go to La. was only a small portion of the burdens that were upon us, yet by His lifting the entire burden we know that the prayer of our heart has been answered and God will bring about the reality of the remainder in His own good time and way.

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The Lord has been blessing us in preaching the gospel here at the Chapel and has also helped us to reach out and visit several school-houses in the country at different times, visit people on the streets and give them tracts. Also, we went to the county jail and gave the boys behind the bars some tracts and talked to them. There were nearly seventy men in the jail and some were quite interested. I told one man that I believed that God permitted some to get in a place like that so they would get quiet so God could get their attention. He said, "That may be; we have plenty of time for reflection in here." We also went to the county farm at Seward, nine miles from Guthrie, and reached to the inmates there. Gave them literature to read. They appreciated our visit very much. Some of them are very pitiful indeed. We mean to do all we can to reach souls with the Gospel while the Lord give us life in this body; keeping filled with divine love which, Paul says, is "the more excellent way". There is not a particle of ill-will in our hearts toward anyone, but we do have a passion for the welfare of souls and are willing to bear and suffer for them. A

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ing, fault-finding spirit is hateful in the sight of God and one who sows discord among brethren. A person can have truth and yet hold it in unrighteousness by having no mercy, forbearance or long-suffering. One filled with the divine love is long-suffering toward others who may be going wrong, and will continue to be kind, gentle and with patience wait upon God in much prayer.

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On Sunday, the 12th of June, we had an all-day meeting at the Chapel with dinner on the grounds. Had baptismal services and observed the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper. Thirty-two persons took part in the ordinances. The saints were happy in obeying the commands of the Saviour. The Lord blessed in the morning services and in all the services that day. The meeting was dismissed about six o'clock in the afternoon, and according to previous arrangements we got in the car with Bro. O. C. Porter and a company of us drove about twenty miles north-east and held meeting in school house. It was filled with people who listened to the gospel with eagerness. We enjoyed the blessing of God that night with those dear people. Many of them requested us to come back again, and wanted us to leave an appointment to come once a month. We believe that the Lord will glean out some precious souls in that neighborhood.

Speaking of the ordinance services, I was thinking what a precious lesson of humility is shown in the washing of one another's feet. It is a literal manifestation of what is really in the heart of saints to serve one another daily in humble acts. John the Baptist did not want to baptize Jesus. He felt unworthy. He had just said before, in referring to Jesus, that "One cometh after me, is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear."

Now, Jesus teaches the disciples a lesson of humility and washes their feet, and commands them to wash one another's feet. Some seem to think because this is recorded in only one of the gospels that it is of very little importance and not necessary to be obeyed. They make me think of some children who wait for their parents to tell them three or four times to do something, then they will reluctantly go and do it. By this act they do not make the parents feel very good toward them. I believe that God looks at disobedient folk just about that way, if not more so. He told Peter if he did not let Him wash his feet he would have no part with Him. There are some professing Christians that need a lesson of humility taught to them in spiritual things like the millionaire, Russel Sage, taught to one of his creditors in literal things. It is said that

this creditor kept asking Mr. Sage for extended time on his note. The man lived in another city. He was very proud, dressed beyond his means and put on airs and show of being wealthy. Mr. Sage knew if the man would live within his means that he would soon be able to pay the note. The day the man was to arrive to visit Mr. Sage to get his note extended, Mr. Sage dressed up like a servant and met the train at the depot. When the man got off with all his pomp and show, Mr. Sage offered to carry his baggage for him. The man, not knowing him, gave him the job, so up they went to Mr. Sage's bank with Mr. Sage trudging along behind carrying his baggage for him. When they got to the bank, he received his dime for carrying the baggage, then stepped behind his desk and asked the man what he wanted. Of course, he then recognized him as Mr. Sage. The man was put in a very peculiar position, and humbled to the extent that he was able to see why he was never able to pay his note.

Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If a child loves its parents, it will obey readily. Obeying the commandments of God is not a thing to be thought of lightly. Jesus told the disciples that He would be with them even unto the end of the world if they taught and observed all things whatsoever He commanded them. (Read Matt. 28: 19, 20).

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It is generally the case that the one who sees so much wrong in his brother has a beam in his own eye. If folk could see their own imperfections as God sees them, their mouth would be sealed tight from speaking of weakness in another. Gossiping about wrong and imperfections of others has been known to ruin whole congregations. A disease like that is very catching because Satan is the author of it. James says, "How big a fire a little matter kindleth." It is said that the Chicago fire started from a cow kicking a lantern over in the hay. It caught the hay because it was easy to set afire, then the barn and from the barn to other buildings until a great scope of massive buildings were burned down. I read in a magazine one time of a man who was hauling gasoline in a tank. He had on a long-tailed coat and some of the gasoline got on the end of his coat tail. As he was riding along the highway a spark flew from his cigarette to his coat tail and set it afire. He pulled it off and threw it to the side of the road. It caught the grass afire, and then a man's barn, his auto, machinery and grain. A great damage all resulted from a little spark.

The devil will always have some agents around with a little fire to light any combustible stuff to be

found. If each saint will see to it that they do not have any combustible stuff in their souls that is easy to take fire, they will not carry the devil's fire to other souls and feed the flame until it burns up and consumes otherwise stable and solid matter. There are too many that are ready to throw fuel on a little flame that Satan has started. Saints should be so filled with the "water of life" that they will be able to quench Satanic fire. The Word teaches us to give no place to the devil, and to "keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life". Saints that keep busy watching their own souls and keeping out the devil have an issue of love, peace, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance, against such there is no law. You will have no condemnation if you have this kind of an issue from the heart. It brings great freedom and liberty to the soul. Such an issue is in harmony with God's law of love and God will honor a vessel of this kind. The saints need more teaching and instruction along this line than any other, but Satan would have it otherwise. He well knows where his stronghold is. There are many that are very apt in doctrines and words that gender strife; often suffering for their own faults and call it suffering for Jesus. I am acquainted with a Brother that was one time accused of a very dirty deed by a fellow minister. He reasoned, entreated, telling him that he was not guilty, but the Brother would not believe him and just held it on him anyway. When he saw that it was going to cause trouble and disturb peace, he asked him if he would forgive him. The Brother could not refuse to do that. He suffered wrongfully that peace might continue. This is suffering for Jesus' sake. If all accused ones would do that, Satan would not get very far with his strife and contention. A great many have too much starch in them to bend willingly to the humble ways of the Spirit. It seems like the doctrines of the reformation has gone to seed with a good many, and the gospel with them is picking and finding fault, trying to down some one else with the hope of exalting themselves. Much of the truth is held in unrighteousness.

If people have moonshine in their souls and not sunshine, it is their own fault as God has an abundance of heavenly sunshine to give. Seek His face until He rains righteousness down upon you.

We had an editorial one time in the paper that was probing around in the heart quite freely, and one Brother asked me if I meant that for him. I told him if he was guilty, it was meant for him. So are these editorials. They are meant for those that are guilty, whoever they may be.

## REQUEST

To the saints, ministers and singers everywhere: We request your earnest prayer each night from 8 to 8:30 p. m. for the salvation of the people of Texas and especially Waco. We want to have a meeting here to begin just after the Oklahoma State Camp-meeting. We desire you to pray God to burden the saints' hearts for the needs of spiritual help, talented ministers, experienced singers and their expenses as well as other expenses to finance the meeting. Pray God to burden the hearts of the saints to support the meeting financially and cause them to examine their consecrations. Also pray for God to help us to get a suitable location for the meeting. Remember, you were saved by the influence of some one. That influence was the result of someone's prayers, contribution of means or some other way, and now we are appealing to YOU as in the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Don't forget the hour for prayer, and be agreed with us very earnestly that God will bless Waco with an old-time revival prayed right down from heaven into the hearts of the people.

Anyone wishing any information regarding the particulars of same, may address C. M. Hicks, R. 5, Box 37, Waco, Texas. Now, it depends largely on how much interest you manifest in the matter. Don't forget us.

— C. M. Hicks.

## DOVER, OKLA. CAMP-MEETING

The Lord willing, there will be a camp-meeting at the Lone Oak schoolhouse, Sept. 2 to 11.

Lone Oak is one mile north and two and a half miles east from Dover, Okla. This meeting is generally known as the Dover camp-meeting.

For further information, write Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla.

## BOLEY, OKLA. CAMP-MEETING

The camp-meeting of the Church of God at Boley, Okla. will convene on the 19 to 28 of August inclusive.

Dear ministers and saints, come prepared to work in this meeting as never before. Boley needs to be awakened. The church here is praying that God will stir our little town in this meeting and many souls be won to the truth. Meeting will be run by free-will offerings.

All are invited. Bring bedding and straw ticks. Come prepared to care for yourselves as much as possible.

For further information, write Sister Lizzie Jones or M. J. Phillips, Box 391, Boley, Okla.

## ATHENS, TENN. CAMP-MEETING

There will be a camp-meeting held at Athens, Tenn. this year, Aug. 25 to Sept. 4 inclusive.

Athens is located in east Tenn. and is half way between Knoxville and Chattanooga. It can be reached by rail on the Southern Railroad, also the L. and N. Railroad and U. S. Highway No. 11. The camp ground can be found in north Athens on Porter St. near the Southern R. R. tracks.

This is the first camp-meeting to be held at this place and the saints are few, so all who can, come and help make this meeting a success. Especially do we invite true ministers to come to this meeting, as there are not many ministers in this part of God's vineyard. Forget hard times and come and feast from Father's table for ten days.

We are expecting Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo.; Bro. W. C. Hughes of Sturgis, Ky.; Bro. R. A. Justice of Belmont, N. C. and Bro. L. L. Perry of Loranger, La.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Meals will be served at the Saint's Chapel. Bring your own bedding and straw ticks. Straw will be furnished free. Anyone having provisions or money to help in this meeting can send them to Cleo Murry, R. 3; B. 74, Athens, Tenn. Write for particulars.

## — 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 fulness, 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.

#### OKLA. STATE CAMP-MEETING

The Oklahoma State Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Okla. City, Okla. on the corner of Laird and 3rd Sts., beginning August the 5th.

The meetings at State camp-meeting have heretofore been unusually good and we are not expecting this one to fall short of the others, as Satan is a whipped devil and God is always on the throne to grant the sincere desires of our hearts.

We are expecting a large attendance at this meeting. Able ministers will be here to preach the Word straight and clear on all the fundamental truths of the Scriptures, so that souls may be saved, sanctified, healed and blessed by God's mighty power. God's truth will edify, establish and unify His people.

As this is a State camp-meeting, every saint in the state is expected to do all you can to make this meeting a success. There is a dire need and an urgent call for the saints to respond freely, as the dishes, part of bedding and other things have been misplaced or stolen. Give of your means and substance—provisions of every thing needed to supply a camp-meeting. The saints at Okla. City will do all they can, but we should not think of leaving all this burden with them. Come prepared to care for yourselves and others as far as possible. Tents can be rented on grounds, or rooms near by. Meals are served free at dining hall. Send all your help financially to Bro. D. J. Diggs, 1201 W. Grand, and provisions, bedding and other supplies to Bro. R. A. Talley, 216 E. 3rd St., Okla. City, Okla.

A hearty welcome is extended to all lovers of the truth and to every needy soul far and near. Your earnest prayer with your presence at this meeting is much desired. Come to bless and receive a blessing.

— By order of Committee.



# « Young People's Section »

## Find God In The Morning

I met God in the morning,  
When my day was at its best,  
And His presence came like sunrise—  
Like a glory filled my breast.

All day long His presence lingered;  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And I sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were torn and battered;  
Other ships were sore distressed,  
But the winds that seemed to drive them,  
Brought to me a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings  
With a keen remorse of mind,  
When I, too, had loosed the moorings  
With His presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way—  
You must find God in the morning,  
If you want Him through the day.  
— Anonymous.

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## EDITORIAL

Dear young Christians, may you ever follow the Lord in the paths of righteousness.

You will notice only one testimony in this section. It's the only one received since the last issue. Are we losing interest in doing something for the Lord and perishing souls. He died for you and me. What is our "reasonable service" to Him? We must "endure unto the end" to be saved. Let Him talk to you.

When you write articles, testimonies or poems and send them to this office, you are no longer responsible for them. You have performed your duty. In case your writing is printed or not, we would be very glad to hear from every one of the readers of this section.

The paper will not be published for August, so look forward to the Sept. number. In the meantime, write to us, and send whatever manuscript you have for the paper. We should not be idle, as there is so

much to do for the Master. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Pass God's blessings on to others. Improve the time (today) while it is yours. Time is passing swiftly. Opportunity just knocks once and it's gone forever. The good must be done today—the only time over which you have any control. Yesterday is gone forever. To-morrow may never come. To-morrow may be too late to do the good deed or speak a word to save that soul before it passes into eternity. How sad to know of the souls whom we intended to help, yet put it off and eternity finds them unprepared. May God stir our beings to present-day service. The poet entreats us in the following lines:

"Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!

Let the dead Past bury its dead!

Act, —act in the living Present!

Heart within, and God o'erhead!"

-- L. D. P.

## SAFETY ON THE ROCK

(Here is a true story only about this life; spiritually, it shows how we must climb up onto the Rock, Christ Jesus, to be saved from the waves of sin of this world).

Away on the western coast of England there stands a steep rock that is known to everybody as the "Lady's Rock." At high water it is surrounded by the sea; but at low water it stands upon a sandy beach, and is easily reached. It gets its name from an accident that occurred years ago. One summer day a lady had walked along the beach as far as this rock, and there sat down and began to read a book that interested her. She read on, never thinking of any danger, when she was suddenly startled by a loud cry from the cliffs. The coast guard had seen her, and shouted across the bay. She looked up, and in a moment saw her peril. Between herself and the shore there were the curling waves, and the white foam spreading over the sands. Her first look showed her nothing but death, for the waves were rising every moment; and as she stood hesitating, a huge breaker dashed its spray over her. Above her frowned the steep, black rock, and even the fisher-lads could scarcely climb to get the sea-birds' eggs; there seemed to be no way of escape there. She looked across to the crowd that was gathering on the shore, but no boat could live in that tumbling sea. Then as she stood

with the waves creeping up after her like wild beasts that chased their prey, she wrung her hands in agony and burst into tears, crying: "Can I be saved? Can I be saved?"

A moment ago it was nothing to her; now it was everything. Wealth, luxury, comfort, pleasure—all thought of these were swept away. Her only anxiety was this—"Oh, to be saved!" Then across from the shore came the cry from the coast guard again: "You must climb the rock! Your only chance is to climb the rock!" She looked at it hanging over her with jagged sides and steep, slippery front. How could she climb it? But as she delayed, a wave swept up and flung itself over the place where she stood, and close below her the waters surged and hissed. Then she grasped the rock desperately and dragged herself up, and hung to the face of it, tremblingly feeling for a higher foothold, and rising little by little, until she reached a ledge, from which she looked shudderingly on the waves below. The tide crept upward until again the spray flew about her. "Climb higher!" rang from the shore; this time from a hundred voices, for the tidings of her peril had spread to the adjoining villages. Again she gathered her strength, and hardly knowing how, she crept little by little, hanging on with bleeding fingers, dragging herself through narrow openings, pressing up the steep, slippery places, until now within her reach lay a tuft of grass; seizing it she fell fainting on the top, beyond the reach of the waves, while the excited people cried with a shout: "She's saved! Thank Heaven, she's saved!"

— Sel. by I. Edith Kriebel.

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### THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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These are the eternal words of Jesus our Savior, recorded in St. John 10: 11 to 15, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Jesus here says that He is the good Shepherd, and that a good shepherd will give his life for the sheep. These words were spoken before He sacrificed Himself for the salvation of the sheep (believers), yet when He drank the bitter cup of death on Calvary's

cross, it only proved that He truly was the good Shepherd and not an hireling. When we were condemned to die, He indeed took our place. What a wonderful Savior! He was resurrected with victory over death, and is yet the good Shepherd and cares for His sheep.

Jesus, the good Shepherd, would not leave the sheep to be caught and scattered by the wolf (devil). Instead, He bruised the serpent's head. A hireling would flee because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep. Beware of hirelings today who claim to be ambassadors from the Lord.

The good Shepherd knows His sheep. They are the ones who really believe on Him. Heart belief will be characterized by corresponding actions. His sheep know Him. They hear His voice, keep His commandments and follow Him.

Are we His sheep and does He know us? It is of paramount importance in this life that we know definitely that He recognizes us as His sheep.

— L. D. Pruitt.

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Owasso, Okla. —Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

This morning finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied in the Lord. I'm encouraged to press on, because there's nothing in starting with the Lord and turning back.

I am a girl of eighteen years of age; got saved when I was sixteen years of age. There is more joy in this life than there is in a sinful life. Before I got saved we attended the meeting at Tulsa a while before the revival in the fall of 1930. One Sunday while at meeting one of the sisters testified that she felt like talking to the young people about getting saved. After the meeting the Sister came to where my sister and I were standing, also my brother. She began to talk to us about getting saved and how necessary it was to be saved. I had never tho't of being saved until that day. I was greatly convicted all that day and the next. The first night of the revival I didn't go to the altar, although I was convicted. The Bible says to count the cost first. When I went to the altar that last night, I had counted the cost of what it would mean for me to live this precious life. That night the burden of sin rolled away, and I have been free and happy in my soul ever since.

I thank God for how He answers prayer: In answer to fasting and prayer, a few months ago the Lord sent ministers here to hold a meeting in this community. One got saved.

I need your prayers that I ever be faithful to the Lord. Your Sister in Christ, — Jessiella Hardmon

## The New Life

While in prayer this morning the Lord impressed me strongly to write on the subject of the new life.

We read in 2 Cor. 5: 17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." We find after we are saved or born again of the Spirit, we are entirely a new creature. The old things are passed away. The things we once delighted in while in sin haven't any attraction for us, such as the picture shows, the theatre, the dance hall, the box suppers, the short skirts, the sleeveless and low-neck dresses, and face paint. This is a strait and narrow way. It will not take any worldliness or uncleanness. It is a humble, plain way—the way Jesus trod. He left us an example that we should follow; yes, a pattern that we as the children should measure our lives by. The real spirit of God will clean us up for the race and make us fit subjects for heaven. Praise the Lord. We read in 1 John 2: 16, 17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." We see here in the last clause of the verse that if any one loves the world the love of the Father is not in him.

Dear saints of God, I am glad I have really found the right way home. In Eph. 4: 24 we read, "And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." The new man we put on is Christ. Praise His holy name. We have Him on this morning. Col. 3: 1, 2, "If then ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above; not on things on the earth." When we are risen with Christ our desire is for eternal things. We will do our very best to live to please the Lord in all things. "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." As we continue to keep pliable in His hands and our hearts open unto the whole word of God, and walking in the light as He shines light on our pathway, the sweet approval of heaven will be on our hearts and lives.

Dear ones, my cup surely is running over this morning. He gives us joy and peace like a river. Praise the Lord. We who have this new life in our souls will stand the judgment test. His Word is forever settled in heaven. When all other things give way, the salvation of our God will stand the test. When we have the Lord as our guide in all things,

we are safe. If God be for us, who can be against us? He is our safe hope while in this life we stay.

Dear saints, let us work on and toil on a little while longer, for we see the prophecy of the Lord is being fulfilled very fast. Then when the Lord comes for His faithful few, how glad we will be that we were counted worthy to suffer for His name, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Yours, saved to serve, — Elizabeth Glass

### CORRESPONDENCE

Buffalo, Mo. — Dear ones: I feel led by the Spirit of God to write my testimony through this paper.

I praise God for His goodness and love. He has both saved me and healed me of many things. I have been in the real light of God only about three years.

I desire the prayers of all the saints of God in behalf of my home—husband deserted. Pray that God may send him home again soon. I truly trust in God. Also, I have children out of Christ. Pray for them. Pray that I may always be true to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bless His holy name!

I request the readers of this paper to read the 6th chapter of Romans. May God bless each and every one of the true saints.

I remain a Sister in Christ, and reader of the Faith and Victory paper, — Ollie Miller

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Muskogee, Okla. — Dear readers of *Faith and Victory*. I am thanking the dear Lord for the privilege of receiving one of your papers. I was just wishing that I could get hold of a good religious paper. I received the *Faith and Victory* while I was sick in bed. A dear little sinner friend of mine sent it to me; it was mailed to her. She will never know how much good it did me. I am praying God to save her soul.

The Lord impressed me to write this. I have been saved ever since I was 14 years old. I am now 37, and the mother of 6 children. I have found the dear Lord precious to my soul. I'm so glad I know my Savior, and my heart goes out for the unsaved.

I want the dear saints to pray especially for my father who is sick, paralyzed and has to walk on crutches. He also has heart trouble and high blood pressure. I want to see him saved. Pray with me for him. He was once a child of God.

Now, as it is my mission to send tracts to different people and give them out, I would like very much to have some samples of your tracts. I am sending good papers to Granite Reformatory. You will find

enclosed 25 cents to pay subscription for one year for the paper.

— Mrs. Anna McMahan

House of Refuge, Lindsay, Ont. Canada. — My dear Brother: We received the papers and are glad for them. We hope you are well. Bro. Lively sends his thanks for the papers. We believe that you are doing all that the blessed Lord will have you to do. We find in your paper the way plain and true. Bro. Lively has spread your papers and tracts all over these parts. There are more lovers of the world than lovers of God. They haven't time to read their Bibles or they don't believe in the Book. If the people would live right, this world would be better. We stand by the old-time truth.

May God bless you abundantly is our prayer.  
From your Brother, Christopher Knowlden

La Harpe, Kansas.— Dear friends in Christ: I feel happy to write my testimony in this paper. Glad that I can say that I still have victory in my soul. I realize that the time is short, and just at hand when the dear Lord shall come.

It is sad to see the lost turn down God every day. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. 1: 15). The devil is always watching to get a chance to backslide one of God's people. We must all watch and pray, as the scripture says, "Take ye heed, watch and pray" (Mark 13: 33).

I praise God for His divine healing. I want to do His will, and expect to press onward and win the reward that is waiting for me in heaven. By the grace of God I expect to go through and see the inside of heaven.

I need your prayers that I will keep saved and prove faithful.

Your Sister in Christ, — Minnie Mae Roush

Paris, Ark. — Kind Brother: I want to tell you how my heavenly Father and I are getting along. Praise His holy name. He keeps me by His loving power. He sent His Son to earth to bleed and die to save us from our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We must drink His blood and eat His flesh every day. I know that I am walking in the light.

I am afflicted with high blood pressure. I want you and Sister Pruitt to pray for my healing, if it is Father's will to heal me. If it is not, pray that He will keep me in His order. I am 77 years old. I have been in His service 65 years, and I am not tired yet. The way grows brighter the closer I get to the Celestial

gate. Praise His Holy name. I have trials and temptations but He keeps me all the way through.

I have moved to my son's to live with him. I expect to get some money this summer. If you will send the paper *Faith and Victory* to me, and if it is the Lord's will for me to get the money I will certainly pay you for the paper, for it is food to my soul. I don't want to be without it.

Your Sister in Christ, — Sarah E. Matthews

## New Testament Doctrine, And False Doctrine

Paul, the apostle of Jesus, speaks about the doctrine of God (Titus 2: 10). The next scripture is a warning to the saved to be on guard against false doctrines. Paul writes: "That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they (men and women) lie in wait to deceive." (Eph. 4: 14)

Now let us see the extreme difference between the doctrine of God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost, and false teachers and sin. The doctrine of Jesus: "Who will have all men (and women) to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (God's word)." 1st Tim. 2: 4. That He (Jesus) by the grace of God should taste death for every man (and woman). Heb. 2: 9.

The false doctrine: "Some are born to be saved unconditionally and some are born to be damned unconditionally." Doctrine of God—Peter said, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him (God) and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him (Jesus)." Acts 10: 34, 35. The doctrine of Jesus—the extent of salvation for sin: "He (Jesus) is able to save them (sinners) to the uttermost that come unto God by Him (Jesus)." Heb. 7: 25. "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound." Rom. 5: 20. "The blood of Jesus Christ His (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1: 7. "But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6: 22.

False doctrines or winds of doctrines: "We cannot be saved from sin in this life (or while we live). We know that God is almighty and the devil is mighty but the devil has more power over us than God." Deceived souls teach and claim to believe that they can be saved from a big sin but not from the smaller ones. So it is the little foxes that spoil the vines.

God's power to keep us from evil: "We are kept by the Holy Ghost (the power of God) through faith and obedience unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1: 5. "Jesus shall keep you from evil." 2 Thess. 3: 3-6.

False, deceptive doctrine: "I sin, you sin and everybody else sins in word, thought and deed. The devil says we sin every breath we breathe." Possibly you do sin but that fact does not make the New Testament untrue. The Bible doctrine—how those live that get salvation and receive the Holy Ghost: "That we might serve Him (God) without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him (God) all the days of our life." Luke 1: 74, 75. Right here in this present world (Titus 2: 11-14).

The deceiver that teaches a deceptive doctrine teaches that nobody can live in this world without committing sin. We are born in sin; it is all around us, therefore, we can't help but sin. Some quote this for Bible: "He that saith he liveth and sinneth not is a liar and the truth is not in him (or her)." I ask them where that verse is found, and some say in the 10th chapter of Jude; others say in the 15th chapter of the second epistle of John. Neither of the books has more than one chapter; one has thirteen verses and the other has 25 verses. This supposed text or scripture is not in my Bible. The Bible doctrine—the Church of God or New Testament church: "Upon this Rock (Jesus) I will build my Church (not churches) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." St. Matt. 16: 17-19. The deception teachers claim that Jesus never did build a church; claim that Jesus left that for the ministers of our day to do. New Testament doctrine—Jesus said: "I am the door; by Me if any man (or woman) enter in, he (or she) shall be saved." John 10: 9. John, the Revelator, said that Jesus was the one that hath the key of David. He openeth and no man shutteth and shutteth and no man openeth (Rev. 3: 7-8). Preachers in error say: "I will open the door of the (man-made) church next Sunday and any and all can join that wishes to go along with us. All you have to do is to keep your church dues paid and pay the preacher's expenses and you are a good member of our denomination." The Bible doctrine: "The Lord will count when He writeth up the people that this man or woman was born there (in Zion or Church)." Psalms 87: 3-6. "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also and with my other fellow laborers whose names are in the Book of Life." Phil. 4: 2-4.

Yours, for the New Testament doctrine,

— John M. Doss.

## Obey The Scriptures And Thou Shalt Live

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Isa. 57: 20, 21.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26: 3. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalms 119: 165.

There is as much difference in the soul of the wicked and in the soul of the righteous as there is between a bright, sunshiny day and the darkest night. You turn the electric light on in a dark room and the darkness leaves at once. So it is with the soul of man that is in darkness, trouble and unrest. Just let God's Spirit come into his soul and darkness, trouble and unrest flee away and he has great peace that flows like a river.

"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day." Psalms 7: 11. "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9: 17. "Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest; this shall be the portion of their cup." Psalms 11: 6. "Salvation is far from the wicked, for they seek not thy statutes." Psalms 119: 155. "The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness." Proverbs 11: 5

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the hearts of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God." Ecclesiastes 8: 11-13.

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon him. For your thoughts are not my thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55: 6 to 8. "Behold, (look and see) the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; (deliver or set free from sin) neither is his ear heavy that He cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins (not someone else's) have hid

His face from you that He will not hear." Isa. 59: 1, 2 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: (in his soul) but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them (quit sinning) shall have mercy." Prov. 28: 13. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 2: 9.

There will be no more guilt and condemnation upon us when He forgives. Old things will pass away and all things will become new. We will then be made the righteousness of God in Christ and will be an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ, a partaker of the divine nature, a citizen of heaven and He will multiply peace to our souls. The sting of death will be taken away, as literal death of the body will only mean a step into heavenly bliss, a clothing upon of immortality, a house from heaven, a fashioning of this body like unto His glorious body, the beginning of a never ending life with God and all the pure and holy angels, a place where Satan and evil spirits can never come. All the sin, misery, afflictions, heartaches, tears and sorrows that come upon us in these bodies will be brushed away and we will have no Satan and wicked spirits there to molest, deceive and bring these things upon us; a glorious place for a glorified people.

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16: 26. "Fear not them which are able to kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10: 28. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die;" be separated from God for the "wages of sin is death, but the gift (which is Christ) of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6: 23.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10: 9, 10. — Fred Pruitt.

## The Lord's Dealings With Me

I will be 51 years old on Feb. 4th, 1933, if the Lord tarries, and sees fit to let me live to that date. And forty years of my life, I spent in serving the Devil. I was a faithful and obedient servant and made him a good subject while I served him. While in his service, I committed every sin and violated about

every law against God and man that he wanted me to do. During the latter years of my servitude, many sins and crimes I was compelled to commit, because I was so completely in his (the devil's) power.

"But the Lord is merciful toward us, and not willing that any should perish but that all should have eternal life in, and through Him." (2 Pet. 3: 9) So the Lord laid His hand on me back yonder many years ago, and many times during the years of my youth, God not only spoke but would plead with me through His Holy Spirit to give my heart and life to Him. He wanted to save me then.

I did not understand God's dealings with me then. I did not then recognize those strange and peculiar feelings which often possessed me as being caused by God's Holy Spirit pleading and striving with me, trying to arrest my attention, trying to turn me away from that broad pathway of sin which I was traveling which was soon to lead me to a life of sin and crime of the UNDERWORLD. Which was very seldom ever experienced by a youth of my age.

I was a grown man, married twice and had a son 4 years of age before I ever attended family worship, and that was by chance at a stranger's house in the back-woods in the country. But I thank God, some of those humble country folks in the back-woods had salvation and knew God, for well do I remember though it has been 25 years ago, how, during that humble family worship, God's Holy Spirit spoke to me and pled with my hard, sinful heart, but I put Him off, and resisted the pleadings of His precious Holy Spirit. Yes, that was that Holy Spirit that Christ said He would send into the world to convict men and women, boys and girls of their sin, to break up their stony hearts and humble them before God their Creator, so they would cry unto Him out of a broken and contrite heart for mercy, and He could save them.

Oh! The height, the depth, the length, the breadth of the love and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ towards us.

And let me state right here, that the only reason for referring to my past sinful life is to let the reader know that no matter how low a man or woman may sink in sin or degradation, the love of God can reach down and lift them up, and make them fit for the very society of heaven; no, sinner friend, "the arm of the Lord is not short, that it cannot save."

If you are one that is cast down, and without hope, if you are one that has committed all the sins, transgressed all the laws of God and man, even to murder, if you are one that thinks your case is too

hard for the Lord, and if you think He can't save a hard sinner like you, just take new courage, have a little hope, my dear brother, and read on and you will discover what our dear Lord has done for the writer of this article; and what He has done for me, He can do for you, if you will only let Him.

Sin has been the cause of my spending not only weeks, but months and years behind prison bars; and many times during those long and weary weeks, and months and years while my body languished behind prison bars. The suffering in the flesh caused from being deprived of my liberty, and from being shut away from the world, and from being separated from friends and loved ones, was not to be compared to that heart-breaking soul anguish, suffering in the Spirit which I experienced when I felt myself, not only shut away from friends, but forever separated from God. Sin separates us from God. So, dear friend, if you are a father or mother, please raise up your children in the fear and love and admonition of the Lord, and they will not only be a blessing to their parents and country, but will be a blessing to the cause of Christianity. Solomon, the wise man, tells us in Proverbs to bring up a child in the way it should go, and when it gets old, it will not depart from it. Amen.

Away back yonder 25 years ago, in the year 1904-1905, I fell in with some traveling show troupes of the carnival variety, and some of the hangers-on or followers of these carnival troupes were, what we call dope-heads. They used morphine and cocaine, mostly cocaine. I formed the acquaintance of some of these dope-heads, and began to handle this awful stuff for the money there was to be made in it; my flesh being weak, and being in the clutches of the devil as I was, naturally I began to use that deadly poison, and it was only a matter of a few weeks until I was a habitual user—a COCAINE FIEND. And when once a person gets well under the Satanic influence of cocaine there is no getting away from it within your own strength. No medical science can break the habit of several years standing. No, nothing but the power of God can take away that craving, that nerve-wrecking desire in your heart for that terrible destructive stuff, when once you have become a fiend to it.

Well, for 10 years I went the cocaine route. Yes, the devil and I embraced each other; we had always been good friends. But now we became inseparable pals. Hand in hand, arm in arm, we went marching on down that broad road that is sure to lead in the end to hell and destruction. And when he got me far enough along that road, when he had robbed me of what few worldly friends I had, when he had rob-

bed me of my family, and all earthly loved ones, he then robbed me of my health. And then, when he saw that I was not fit for his service any longer, but a fit subject for hell, he gave me a shove, so to speak, which he thought would surely land me head-long, squarely in the middle of the lake of fire and brimstone. But, dear reader, listen, God from heaven was looking down upon this scene, and it was Christ Jesus Himself that took a hand then and spoke, and said to Satan, "Stop; it is enough. Stop!" Oh! the wonderful mercy of Jesus Christ! And His ways are past finding out. Oh! my dear sinner friend, don't think because you have gone so low in sin, and trampled God's love and mercy under your feet, that He doesn't love you, because He does. He is always watching over us, and cares for us, and wants to help us, no matter what we have done. He tells us in the 6th chapter of Matt. that He watches over and feeds the birds and fowls of the air, and that not even a little sparrow falls to the ground but what He takes notice of it, and listen to what He says, "Are ye not much better than they?" Oh! my dear sinner friend, don't think because the devil has got you down and is trying to shove you off into hell that the Lord doesn't care, for He does; yes, He still loves you, and wants to save you! He is now looking down from the windows of heaven pleading for you to give up sin and give your heart and life to Him. And no matter how low you have sunk in sin God's arms of love can reach from heaven to earth, and lift you up, and make you a fit subject for His kingdom. And those scarred hands that were nailed to the Cross of Calvary for you and me, can break the bands that Satan has you bound with and set you free.

— L. S. (Fate) Simpson

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## What Is Faith?

What is faith? is a question often asked by both saints and sinners, and sometimes it is answered in this way: Faith is to take God at His word. That is true, but without any further explanation dear souls in a perplexed condition fail to understand how to believe. One reason is because the way of faith is so simple, and also because of our past education. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Some people get it in their minds that faith is a blind, naked something, a mere nonentity. God says it is a "substance". Faith is the means whereby we take hold of God and take Him into our souls. Some that are looking to God for a special blessing—pardon, cleansing, healing, or something of the kind—will say, "I am believing, but I can't feel a blessing." They are simply trying to feel, as an evidence that they are believing God's word. God's way is to believe, and then receive. "Believe ye receive, and ye shall have."

To be where we can believe, we must have the conditions met, so as to be in believing attitude before God. The first thing is to find out what the conditions are and then meet them according to God's word. A sinner seeking pardon must first give up his sins. If he has wronged anyone, he must make it right if it is in his power; and if he has taken anything by false accusation, he must restore and "give again that he has robbed." If any one has wronged him, then he must forgive. "Except ye forgive others their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you." In short, you must meet all the requirements, and then that makes God responsible for your salvation. The conditions all met, it is just as easy to believe God's promises as it is to breathe when you have sound lungs and fresh air to breathe. Faith says, "Then the work is done."

Some dear souls try to believe for sanctification, and the conditions not being met, they are therefore not where the promise means them, and the result is they cannot exercise faith. Now the lack of faith is not the cause of this; it is lack of being in a proper attitude before God. If you are not clear in a justified state, you cannot believe for sanctification, no matter how hard you try; because the promise does not mean you, and you cannot believe something that is not true, with God-given faith.

When you are a sinner or in a backslidden state, you are a dead sacrifice and God does not sanctify a dead offering. "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by

the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12: 1. When you put yourself on the holy altar, Christ, then you can believe Jesus, the altar, sanctifies you, the gift, because you are on believing ground. When all obstacles are removed that hinder faith, then faith can take hold of God for the gracious gift, and by faith you can say you are sanctified, because the promise means you. To believe through an imperfect consecration is impossible, and it is a presumption to try it. The faith of the Son of God is all right and is a life-giving property, and will comprehend and take God for all that he has promised, just as we need.

When all obstacles are out of the way and all conditions met, I really do not believe any one will have to pray so much for faith. If they see to it that all hindrances are taken out of the way, then faith can take God at His word, without any extra effort of the mind or brain. You are on promised ground; therefore the promises mean you. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." So you see you do not have to wait for the witness.

It is just the same way in divine healing; when the conditions are met, the promise is yours. So many expect healing of the body, and are disappointed when they are not healed, but on close investigation they find some of the conditions not met. It is the "prayer of faith" that saves the sick, and can easily be prayed when the case is fully put over into the hands of God and all other props taken out of the way. I have seen people try to believe for healing and still use medicine—try to have God and medicine go in partnership; but God does not need any help. When the dear Lord healed me the first time, He showed me to dispose of my medicines first, and then my faith could take Him easily.

Dear ones, get the hindrances out of the way, and then if you need to pray for faith, amen, but almost always you will find you have faith sufficient to take God at His word, when all other conditions are met. "He that believeth shall not make haste:" so after you have met all requirements, trust it all with Jesus, and all will be well.

By MARY COLE

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