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

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IN GOD



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"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS"

(By Robt. Rothman)

Blest is the man whose longing is
His God to here possess;
Whose thirst and hunger can be filled
Alone with righteousness.

As pants the deer for water brooks,
When by the hunter pressed,
So man, harassed by Satan's wiles,
Would be by God refreshed.

And will the Lord His creatures heed
Who come to Him for food?
But listen to His tender call.
And learn that God is good!

"Ho, every one that thirsty is,
Come to the waters free;
Buy wine and milk abundantly,
Though penniless thou be.

"Who drinks of this life-giving stream
Shall never thirst again,
But it shall spring within thy heart,
O weary, wayworn man!

"Spend not thy money foolishly—
Earth will not satisfy;
Eat of the bread that I shall give,
And thou shalt never die!"

FRIENDS

In John 15: 15 you will find these words: "I have called you friends." They are the words of our Savior spoken to His disciples shortly before His

death. Again we read: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man will lay down his life for his friends." What a comfort it is to have a true friend; one you can go to in the hour of need and know there is a welcome and kindness waiting; one you can trust; one who does all for our good. Friendship is kinship with others and God. Dear reader, choose your friends wisely. They, like diamonds, may be only an imitation and not genuine, though for years you thought they were priceless and you loved and valued them very highly.

Read again Jesus' words: "I have called you friends." Are we Christ's friends or do we claim the friendship of the world? If we waste money for shows and bet on horse races, ball games, etc., we have no friendship with God. How much do you value the friendship of others? How much do you value the friendship of God? Let us consider this question a moment. As you become a friend of God, you will be a friend to others. Jesus teaches that only the friendly hearted can remain friendly to Him and be a friend to others. Let us strive to be a friend of God, and walk with Him. To walk with Him we must agree with Him. We must go His way. God's ways are not our ways. He is an all-wise friend; one who never fails but is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I had a friend once (or I thought so). I loved her and would have done anything to help and comfort her. I did all I could, and willing at any time to do more. But I wished no returns. However, in an hour of need I found no kind word and no sympathy. Would I go to her in trouble again? No, never would I go again. No matter how great the trouble. I had chosen a friend who was a shallow friend, a fair weather friend. Dear reader, this is not so with Christ. If you will be a friend of Jesus, He will be a friend to you—a friend even until death and ever ready to help. This is the one to trust for ever and ever, the one to love and serve. It is God who says, "Call upon me in the

day of trouble and I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." O! the precious love of God. Are we as careful to please Him as we are earthly friends. Friendship is precious, but the friendship of the world is enmity with God.

Jesus says: "I have called you friends." How beautiful are these words! You may go to Him now in your hour of need. He is never too busy to listen; never too busy to help. There is no disappointment in Christ. He will stand firm as your friend and guide, even unto death.

"Choose ye this day whom you will serve,"— the friendship of the world or the friendship of God. There is no disappointment in Christ. Choose Him, dear reader. In Him is joy, peace, and sweet rest, but in the world there are trials, tribulations, shallow friends and unrest.

But in the Savior peace I find,
And rest from toil and care,
And earthly friends prove oft unkind,
And are to me a snare.

But not so with the Saviour—
I'll serve Him day by day,
I'll tell Him all my troubles;
He cheereth all my way. --GOLDIE FINCH

The Lord's Dealings With Me

(Article Two)

Many and many times the devil has tried to destroy me, body and soul, while under the influence of dope. To give a detailed description of these many incidents would fill a large size book, but that God may be glorified, I will give a brief account of only one incident out of many wherein the Lord has miraculously saved my life when at death's door.

There are certain stages of a cocaine fiend's life where the victim becomes an epileptic, and will throw fits, just like a dog that has been poisoned with strychnine. Then there are other stages where the victim's mind leaves him altogether and he passes out into utter oblivion, and as far as concerns his own earthly condition, he is void; and as far as feeling goes, he just simply don't exist; but he soon awakes out of this state of obliviousness to find himself in a subconscious state of mind, and his body in a subconscious world, or as it seems in another world altogether apart from this present world; and while in this latter subconscious condition or world or state, the poor wretched, miserable victim seems to become possessed with all his

natural bodily feelings which he possesses during his full conscious moments.

And let me tell you now, dear reader, that a man or woman while in such a condition gets a real foretaste of hell while their bodies are yet on earth. You say, "How do you know?" Because, my dear brother, I have been there myself; yes, I have gone through it, and experienced just exactly what I have described to you above. I have experienced all the stages of a cocaine fiend's life. I have had the "spooks" (which are nothing more or less than the spirits of the devil and his imps) to get after me. I jumped off a passenger train going 60 miles an hour in the night to get away from them, and was picked up the next day by a section crew, more dead than alive. But, thank the Lord, He saved my life again. Did I get away from them? No, they still pursued me. I have jumped from second and third floor windows of hotels trying to escape from those hellish demons. Did I succeed? No, and why? Because they (the demons) were within me; I only saw them with my mind's eye, a hallucination of the mind caused by dope. Many a time I have been in the epileptic stage and have thrown fits like a poisoned pup; and several times while undergoing the throes of agony in these fits, the devil has tried to destroy my life by throwing my body in front of fast moving trains. But God's hand would snatch me away! Thank the Lord, and praise His name forever!

One time the devil tried to destroy my life in Galveston, Texas. While under the influence of cocaine the devil took me away out on the shipping docks, compelled me to whiff, and then eat all the cocaine I had, and then drink a quart of whiskey, then lay me down on the wharf within two feet of the water's edge to take my last and final sleep. But after five days and nights, much to my surprise and very much, I am sure, to the surprise of the devil, I woke up, and during my long sleep my blessed Saviour watched over me and prevented me from rolling off into the water and drowning myself, as the devil intended for me to do. Oh! let us all praise the name of the Lord forever, for His wonderful deliverance from an untimely and premature grave. Well do I remember one cold December night in the year of 1912. I lay beside the Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad track in northwest Texas. I had jumped from the train trying to escape from the "spooks," for I was all keyed up on dope; and as I jumped my mind left me. Where, how, and when I landed, I don't know, because I was utterly oblivious of my surroundings just then. During these

oblivious moments I ate what cocaine I had and poisoned myself. But, dear reader, I soon woke up in hell. My soul, my spirit, my mind, or whatever you may choose to call it, was in hell; and oh! it is utterly impossible for human tongue to describe the sufferings, and the misery, which I experienced both in mind, body and soul while in that horrible place. My experiences and sufferings in this pit of the damned were only about six hours,—from midnight until about sunrise the next morning,—but it seemed to me when I regained consciousness that I had actually been dead and in hell for thousands and thousands of years.

Now comes a statement which, perhaps, some few will doubt, nevertheless it is true; God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost being my witnesses: with my tongue swollen out of my mouth, my body writhing in agony, with my clothes torn from my body, my flesh torn and lacerated from crawling through barbed wire fences and thorn thickets, my finger nails torn almost completely from my fingers, caused from clawing and scratching among the roots of this thorn thicket,—such, dear reader, was my condition on that cold December night alone beside that lonely railroad track when God in His mercy looked down again from His heavenly home and spoke, and said to Satan, "Stop, it is enough. Stop!" And there that night while my life was hanging only by a thread over the brink of eternity, I cried for the first time in real earnest unto God to deliver me out of sin and from the power of the devil. Dear sinner friend, when I cried unto Him He heard me, and there alone in that lonely spot in the darkest hours of the night just before dawn, I met Jesus. I saw His face in a vision just as plain as I see my own in a looking-glass. Yes, there He smiled upon me, and oh! what a tender and compassionate expression He had on His face. Will I ever forget that look? No, no! I will go down to my grave with it still fresh in my memory.

There are some things concerning me and my Jesus connected with this incident which I consider too sacred to tell. But suffice it to say, it was there He spoke "peace" to my troubled soul, and further showed me that I could reach God in only one way, and that was by faith and repentance. See Isaiah 1: 18. I had become so hardened in sin that I was almost an infidel. I could hardly believe that there was a God. But God showed me there is a God, and "in Him we all live, move and have our being"; and from that day until this very hour He has never left me. Praise His holy name! Yes, He kept His hand on me, and was with me both day and night continually for

18 years, pleading with me through His Holy Spirit to give Him all my heart and life. But I did not make a full and complete surrender to Him until February, 1931, when I put all on the altar, and came to Him and said. "Lord, nothing to thee I bring, only to the Cross of Christ I cling," then He wonderfully anointed me with His Holy Spirit and filled my soul, and it has been overflowing ever since; bless His holy name! The tobacco habit of 40 years standing is gone; the dope habit of 20 years standing is gone. He not only delivered me from those things, but He has taken the desire for dope and tobacco away, and I don't want them any more. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5: 17

Dear reader, when I cried unto God in earnest, (that is, truly repented of my sins, and turned away from them, and turned to Him; when I was willing to give them all up for Jesus), then He heard me and answered my prayer; then His Holy Spirit came into my life to abide, to comfort, and to help me live a true Christian life in Him above sin. And what He has done, and is doing for me, He will do for you, dear reader, when you truly repent of your sins, and throw yourself unreservedly upon Him, take Him at His word and accept Him as your personal Savior. Just say, "Here, Lord, here I am all undone, a lost sinner doomed for hell, and I can't save myself, for the harder I struggle, the deeper I sink into sin." Just say, like Peter, "Lord, save me or I perish!" And our blessed Lord will speak "peace" to that tempest-tossed soul of yours, and with those nail-scarred hands and arms of love He will lift you up out of the miry clay of sin and place your feet on the Rock of salvation to stay. See Hebrews 7: 25; John 3: 16; Acts 4: 12.

Now, in conclusion, I want to state, the Holy Spirit being my witness, that since I have been saved and serving the Lord that He has wonderfully healed me and blessed my life in many ways too numerous to mention here. He has given me back my health, and at the present I weigh 185 pounds, while for several years when a dope fiend I was only a walking skeleton. I feel better than I have in 25 years, for which I give God all the praise and glory. Amen! See Psalms 103: 3, -10; also Mark 1: 15.

In sending forth this message to the world at large my only hope, desire and prayer is that it may be the cause of leading many to our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, and thereby glorify God our Father who art in Heaven. — L. S. (Fate) Simpson.

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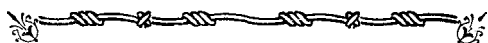
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From age to age this voice shall cheer:--
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
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Editorial

Man may merit hell but he cannot merit heaven. Heaven is a gift to us by Christ Jesus. We become joint heirs with Christ in glory with the sealing of the "Holy Spirit of promise". Jesus is the door-way into heaven and we cannot merit Him, as He is a gift.

The wages of sin is death; but not so with the gift, for the "gift of God is eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ". When a soul rejects Christ and goes on in his sins, he merits death or hell. God does not send him to hell but he sends his own soul there by rejecting Christ, his only hope of life eternal. One who rejects Christ has no other place to go only eternal punishment.

The free gift of Christ to man from God the Father is a marvelous manifestation of His great love and mercy to man. Without Christ this love could never have reached us. He brings it to us, and us to it. We stand or abide in this free love of God. Here we have stood since we were introduced into it, and in it we are standing and will stand. This is a believing man's true position. This free love is to us abiding strength and abiding security. This free love is to us sunshine, rain, food, water, medicine and wine. At this well we stand and drink, in this sun we bask, to this store house we come for everything. Have we used this free love as we ought? Are we using it constantly? O free love of God, what a fountain of life and strength thou art to any child, a helpless pilgrim.

Standing in this grace we are filled with joy. This joy comes not only from the past and present, but from the future as well; not only from the knowledge that we are beloved of God, but from a knowledge of what that love is to do for us in the hereafter. We rejoice because our future is filled with the hope of the glory of God. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

Receive this instruction: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Rejoice in the Lord. Abound in hope. Realize the glory. Keep the eye steadfastly fixed upon it till its brightness fills thy whole being.

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Compared to eternity this present life is but a few fleeting moments. How vain are the things of time and sense and yet so very many people are attracted away from God by them. Oftentimes, men of the world fail to attain to their coveted desires and when they do attain, it fails to fully satisfy. What does it profit a man who gains great riches, honor and fame in this world and has to lay them down at the grave and enter

into fire and brimstone with torment throughout all the ceaseless ages of eternity. He has flourished in his pride and self-exaltation for a few moments and it all ends and follows with tormented eternal existence.

Man should allow himself to be corrected by the Word of God which will "teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psa. 90: 12). "We spend our years as a tale that is told; now we are on the stage and soon we will go as others have gone. Knowing this it would be wisdom for us to fear God and prepare for that going. "To fear God is the beginning of wisdom, to depart from evil is understanding." The man with godly wisdom will be fearing God and if he is a possessor of understanding he will willingly depart from evil, and in so doing will be seeking for that heaven of glory and eternal happiness which is given to the righteous after physical death.

"In vain we seek a heaven below the sky;
The world has false but flattering charms;
Its distant joys show big in our esteem,
But lessen still as they draw near the eye;
In our embrace the visions die;
And when we grasp the airy forms,
We lose the pleasing dream."

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Sometimes folk talk about loving the sinner and hating the sin. But it requires something like super-human power to separate the sinner from his sin. Oftimes brethren get stirred at one another because of some differences and they go against their brother, preaching and saying hard things and insinuate that he is a compromiser or a fanatic, yet claiming to love the man but hating the sin. This is a close place and I am fearing that in many instances there is a feeling against the man by Satan prompting a lot of the things said or done. The Gospel Club is used under the cloak of hating the sin when in reality hidden self-fish motives are at work. Under existing conditions we need to obey the scriptures where it teaches to, "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

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Death is always a solemn event, and casts its dark shadows over the spirit of loved ones and friends. A silent dread holds the soul in check when one enters the chamber where the good man met his fate and the soul with trembling fear tries to pierce into the realities of the beyond.

The solemn importance of all deaths is surpassed

by the solemn importance of the death of the Son of God. A sword had pierced the heart of Mary the mother, and many hearts had been revealed to be wicked. A favored nation had cruelly murdered their king and sealed their doom of desolation.

When Jesus died the earth was clothed in darkness and the heavens in mourning.

"He dies, the friend of sinners dies;
Lo! Solomon's daughters weep around
A solemn darkness veils the skies,
A sudden trembling shakes the ground."

The death of Jesus, with its infinite anguish, with its intense soul darkness, with its awful sense of desolate forsaking is a mournful demonstration of God's great love; for we may be allowed to think of God the Father making a sacrifice in allowing His Son to enter such a gloomy vale. God thus loves, why should we fear. If God has thus shown his love, let us show our gratitude and admiration. If God has thus made love conspicuous, let it be conspicuous in our lives. If love died that love might be pre-eminent, let us not shrink from the sacrifice which love may demand. Let us not become weary in well-doing. Let us return the love in deeds of sacrifice which was lavished so freely upon us, for as we do it unto the least of these our brethren, we do it unto Him. Men choose to love the lovable fair face, happy temperament, great mind or a warm heart. God chooses the unworthy, loves the unlovely. The objects of His love are the "ungodly", the impious, who have no love for Him, no reverence for Him, who try to get rid of the thought of Him. He loves us when we are without strength, loves us in our misery. He loves sinners active in wickedness. He loves enemies who hate Him and try to get Him out of their thoughts. Amazing grace! The strength of love is proved by the sacrifice it makes. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God." If the Divine Being considered us kindly and compassionately in a state of enmity, surely He will not forsake when the alienation has been renounced and a state of friendship has been established.

DO NOT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IF THERE IS AN EXPIRATION BLANK IN YOUR PAPER THIS MONTH--only 25 cents a year!

Grandma Spradling, the aged saint whom we have been helping to care for during the past few years, is still in the land of the living. Her mind is nearly gone, therefore she requires much care and constant watching. We pay \$25 a month for her care. The lady who cares for her earns that amount without

a doubt. The county authorities here have positively refused to assist her more than contribute a few dollars about every other month. This burden is becoming heavier upon us, because of insufficient funds for this purpose, and the printing work is halted in order to make the payments. We are sure that the publishing work should not be hindered by this. Perhaps several have failed to do what God said in regard to her upkeep. Surely, God has an obedient people.

A cup of cold water served in Christ's name will be rewarded.

Several of our *very important* tracts are completely out of stock. We would gladly print more if we just had the paper. All of this machinery is idle part of the time for a lack of supplies. What are you doing to keep this press at work to spread the gospel by free tracts? May the Lord stir our hearts to diligence. Prov. 11: 25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." 2 Cor. 9: 6, 8, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Think a moment. Do *you believe* exactly what these scriptures say and mean? How can *you prove it*?

L. D. P.

Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Church of God will be held at Salt Creek, Sept. 16th to 26th. It is located 15 miles north of Bristow and one mile east. Nine miles south of Mannford and one mile east. Fifteen miles east of Drumright.

Everybody is invited to come and feast at Father's table. Bring straw ticks; straw will be furnished. For further information, write to J. T. Johnson, Rt. 2 Box 7A., Bristow, Oklahoma.

OBITUARY

Rebecca Clark was born in Fairfield Co. Ohio, Sept. 16, 1841. She was united in marriage to Samuel Wright in Nov. 1861. To this union were born nine children only two of whom survive their mother, Mrs. Emma Milton of Denver, Colo. and Mrs. Mattie Winch of Guthrie, Okla. After the death of her first husband she married Mr. White with whom she lived until a few years ago when he died and she later married J. J. Boebel, who survives her.

Thirty-five years ago she was saved into the Church of God and was a faithful child of God until

her death. She continually praised the Lord and sought to live a life that would glorify her Master.

Her last days were filled with suffering on account of a serious cancer which terminated in her death on Monday, Aug. 22. She was ninety years, eleven months and eight days of age. She is also survived by twelve grand children and twenty-seven great grand children and one great, great grand child.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother R. Johnson of Mannford, Oklahoma. Text: 14th chapter of St. John.

Meeting Report

In the July issue of *Faith and Victory* I made mention of going to the Hammond, La. camp-meeting. We left home on the 4th of July, arriving there on the 7th of July. The meeting began on the 8th, which was well attended and the interest was very good. Some where near twenty went to the altar and claimed to get peace with God. Some very definite cases of healing were testified to. God truly worked in that meeting.

After the close of the camp-meeting Bro. A. E. Harmon and I started a meeting in the Oak Grove meeting house, fifteen miles northeast of Hammond. It continued for two weeks, and the interest was excellent. Good attendance at nearly every service. The day meetings were especially good. Some were saved and the saints greatly encouraged. Sister Katherine Watson is pastor of the congregation at this place, and is much beloved by the saints. The Lord has been anointing in a very special way in feeding the sheep and lambs.

On the 30th of July we came to Louin, Miss. and began meeting in the Mount Zion meeting house. The interest has been good from the start, and some are getting under conviction. Three hands raised last night for prayer. I believe God is going to do a good work here in this place. The Lord has a few very precious saints here.

We have promised to go to Folsom, La. and commence meeting on the 2nd of Sept., and have three other meetings after that in La. before getting back to the Office. If the Lord lets us stay for all these meetings, it will be near the first of November before we get back to the Office. My wife, and son, Lawrence, will be taking care of the office work. We ask the readers to pray for them. It seems that there is very little being supplied for the needs of the work. Let each one do, as God puts in your hands. Wife writes

me that there is \$80 due now to be paid for taxes, and the daily expenses of the printing work makes quite a burden on her. We are praying to God daily that He will supply the needs of the work and keep her and Lawrence encouraged so that the papers and tracts can keep going out. As we go from place to place we see more and more the good the literature is doing, and we are anxious that the gospel by the printed page be kept going to the people.

Pray for us, dear brethren, and if you want to reach us by letter, write in care of Bro. C. E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond, La. and he will forward my mail to me while I am in these parts. May God bless each and every reader. Yours in Christ, Fred Pruitt.

(The following is a later report of meeting at Louin, Miss. written Aug. 22nd).

The Lord is certainly giving us a glorious meeting at this place. The devil fought us hard for first ten days. God gave us the victory, and souls begun to get saved. Twenty-six souls have been saved so far, and many more are under conviction. Will be here over another week.

The Lord has this country stirred for miles around. Over two hundred people attended some services. Yesterday the Lord just blessed us all day. We had three services and also observed the ordinances. The people began to get saved early in the morning. One man came to where we stayed and got saved before we started to meeting. In the afternoon the people began to come to the altar to get saved, two or three at the time. They would just pray through, and then two or three more would come. They kept that up until it was night, and we soon went into the night meeting. Never went home until after night service.

Is Your Child In Danger?

Can any thing be dearer than the smile of innocent glee of a little one, or the sweet prattle of childhood lips? Of course, love your children, parents, but hark! many a parent's heart will be broken and many a child's life ruined unless the parents of today consider and right-about face in their attitude toward their children and their homes.

On a dark winter's day a father and mother were trudging through the forest, moving from one forest home to another. In the mother's arms is a young infant. They came to a tiny stream they expected to ford, but, through recent rains, the stream had become

a mighty torrent. Wrapping the baby securely, the mother handed the precious bundle to her husband while she girded her clothes to stem the current. Thus they passed through to the other side. When she turned to take the baby, she shrieked, for her stupid husband—the worse for liquor—had let the sleeping child slip through the clothes, and only returned a bundle of empty wraps. “Lost, lost, my child is lost,” she screamed as she gazed frantically down the foaming torrent. Too true, the baby was lost; they never recovered even the little body!

You think of the awful sin of that stupid, drunken father but Oh! parents, he lost only the body of his child that hour. How can that compare with the parents, who have let the soul of a darling child slip through their love-embrace to a burning hell? For just as that mother wrapped up her baby and put it in father's arms, so has God wrapped up in a fair little mortal body, a soul destined to live somewhere forever, and put the tiny treasure into your arms to train for eternity. “Take this child and train it for me and I will give thee wages,” says the Lord. But if only feed and wash and dress the growing body, caring only for its physical welfare, and your child comes to the age of accountability and passes into eternity unsaved—his soul forgotten by you—have you not also returned the heavenly Father a bundle of empty wraps through which you have let a soul slip to hell?

Oh! Father, mother, are you saved yourself? Do you know that you have been born again? “Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.” If you are not saved yourself, how can you lead your children to seek salvation? Happy the child who has a godly father or mother to lead him to Christ and then train his steps in the Christian way.

Have you a right to bring children into the world to suffer, to sicken and to be overcome of death and then to live such a life before them that they, by your influence, must suffer eternally in hell? It is comparatively a small matter to murder the body of your child, but to murder all of the eternal interest of his soul makes you a murderer of deepest dye.

A wicked man dying in a hospital was told to look to Jesus for salvation. Did he hear? Was he too far gone in death? Suddenly he aroused. With a twitch of the muscles of his face he said, “Do not talk to me. It is too late. I cannot repent. My heart is turned to stone.” Cursing his mother, he said, “Why did she bring me into this world to pass out of it a damned soul? Yes, I know I am going to hell, but it would all have been so different if she had brought me

up right. I never heard a prayer from her lips. She never read the Bible to me, never told me of a Saviour, now I go to the tortures of the damned. My heart is too hard to turn to God. I hate Him. I have committed every crime, now I go to suffer the penalty." Then with blood-curdling curses upon his mother; and a wild shriek, he passed out.

This life will soon pass. Eternity will soon dawn. Are you ready for eternity? Are your children saved? What are you doing to save them? God help you to pray this through! --Sel.

Walk In The Light

"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." John 12: 35. God is light and He is ever moving onward. In order to keep in the light, we must walk and live up to every ray of light we have received on the Word of God. To the Bible we must go for all knowledge and understanding concerning God and His will concerning us. Therefore, to whatever extent the Word of God is lifted up, to that extent people have light on the Word of God. That is what preachers are for—to preach the Word and to lift up a standard for the people. Now when we understandingly read a scripture on any point or hear it preached, that is light to us, and God holds us to walk in it. One time a certain one was talking to a sister concerning wearing some worldly adorning. "Oh!", she said, "I haven't got the light on that yet." Perhaps she expected the Lord to tell her personally or some way that it was wrong to wear gold or such. But when the Bible says a thing, that is light, and in fact all the light we shall ever get. Turning aside from some plain scripture and seeking more light or seeking a revelation from God is a fruitful source of deception in these days.

"Another thought concerning light. When Christ came to earth he was the light of the world, and for quite a while the world beheld the beautiful light of Christianity. This was the morning of the Christian era. The pure gospel alone was preached and as people believed it, they were saved into the Church of God. But by and by darkness began to creep in, and finally scarcely a ray of light was seen, though now and then some God-illuminated soul would cry out against the prevailing wickedness, but until Luther's time no permanent return to the pure gospel was made. Luther and Zwingli brought to light the fact that one is justified by faith. That was wonderful light for those times. And step by step God has been bringing

more light into this world. Luther and Zwingli preached justification all right, but said nothing much about sanctification, and they had no light on church government or on the church question. By and by the Wesleys preached sanctification subsequent to regeneration. That was more light, precious light indeed, to know one could be cleansed from all sin and have a pure heart. But still they had no light concerning the church of God, the one Jesus built. But after a while God let the people see that He has only one church, built only one, and that it should not be destroyed. He showed them that it was still standing, though largely hid from view by human institutions called churches. And this was light.

"With whom does God now work—people walking in the light, or people in darkness? With whom did God work in Luther's time—Protestants, or Catholics? You know he was with the reformers. In Wesley's time where was God working—with the cold formal professors who persecuted those who preached the truth or with those who lifted up the standard of freedom from sin? Now where is God at work? Right among His people who dare to walk in all the light He gives them.

"Many a person says when he hears the Word preached concerning the church of God, that his parents belonged to the Methodist church, or to some other denomination, that they died happy, and that he is sure his parents were saved; "and I intend," he says, "to stick to my church." Well, dear friend, we do not dispute that your parents were saved all right. Of course they were, if they walked in all the light they had. But you now must walk in the light of today. Suppose now that Martin Luther had said, "Well, my ancestors were all Roman Catholics, and they died happy, and so I will stick to my church," where probably should we be today?

"Nearly all, Protestants at least, admire Luther for coming out of the Catholic church and for preaching the truth, but when it comes to their walking in the light and coming out from all confusion and taking a stand for God, they say, "Oh no! I must stay by my church." Suppose Zwingli, Menno, Simons, Wesley, Calvin, and all the host of reformers of different ages, had acted on that principle, where should we be today? In the dark probably. In fact, there is nothing in such argument. We must walk in the present gospel light; if we do not, we shall go into darkness, and shall finally lose our souls. Oh, reader, for your soul's sake step out in the light, take a bold stand for the truth. The Word is light. Walk while you have the light."

« Young People's Section »

MEDITATION

Solemn moments are passing by,
As now o'er life I ponder;
Just what good shall I do or say
En route for the City yonder.

Today I stand on the threshold
Of a life for the Lord to spend—
Souls are dying in the world harvest field;
Lord, help me the gospel to them send.

May I give a little flower,
May I speak a word of cheer;
Help the fainting ones along
That we find there and here.

Words of kindness, deeds of love,
Or a sunny smile
To the weary pilgrim
Makes life seem more worth while.

Great things I cannot do—
They are left for others still,
Like the patriarchs of old;
But just a small place I fill.

I can't do everything.
Yet something I can do—
What I can I ought to do,
God helping me, I will, too.
— L. D. Pruitt.

EDITORIAL

As this Sept. issue goes forth on its mission of encouragement, I want to testify for my Savior that He has kept and is keeping me saved by His mighty divine power, and He has taught me precious lessons in the last few months. I am on the Lord's side with a deep desire and determination to stay. The more we consecrate to Him, the more we commune with Him, the more we read, meditate and practise His Word, the sweeter this holy life becomes to our souls.

We were permitted to attend the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting and the Okla. State camp-meeting at

Okla. City, Okla. I truly believe that I learned more in these meetings than in any others I ever attended. The Bible truth was preached clear and radical, and that is what it takes to shake off the rubbish so the Church of God will shine as in the morning time of this gospel day.

During the summer we have not heard from very many young people by mail. All the testimonies we received since the last issue are in this section. It seems as though some are careless or ashamed to testify for their best Friend and Savior. The Bible was written to instruct, correct and reprove, so we read in Matt. 10: 32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Again, in Mark 8: 38 Jesus says, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Let us walk in the light, lest darkness comes upon us.

It is terrible to see how Satan puts souls to sleep with his chloroform of *indifference*. O soul! awake, arise and shine. Use your talents lest those you do have be taken from you.

It is a blessed privilege to be permitted to work for the Lord—rescuing and encouraging souls—yet how few are taking advantage of this privilege! "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." Though some are heedless of God's call for workers, I mean by God's grace to do the part that He has enjoined on me.

My father is in the South holding meetings, and my oldest sister, Anna Marie, is on a missionary tour in Mexico at present, so greater responsibility and more work is left to us. We are glad to do all we can, but we can do more with your co-operation and encouragement. Don't forget to pray for us and the work here.
— L. D. P.

FREE FROM BONDAGE

"And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows: and I am come down to deliver

them out of the hand of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land unto a good land flowing with milk and honey." Exodus 3: 7, 8.

We find how the Israelites were under great bondage to the Egyptians. They were not satisfied and sought for something else. The Lord heard their cries and came to deliver them out of this land of bondage and bring them unto a land flowing with milk and honey. Just so it is with every soul who is under bondage to the devil and who do not have peace in their souls, for they are always seeking for something else—going to this place and that, trying to find satisfaction, but they can't unless they come and surrender all to Jesus. He can lead you into the land flowing with milk and honey—unto a perfect soul rest. Jesus will come into your heart and go with you through every trial of life if you will let Him lead you. Some are like the Israelites. They left Egypt, gave up everything and started out, then when they saw the Egyptians coming, they got discouraged and wanted to turn back, but Moses said: "The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Exodus 14: 14. When we start out, the Lord will try us out, and the devil will too. We know the devil wants to get all he can, and he will do his best to get us to turn back. He even places starvation before us and every discouraging thing he can, but we must stand still and let the Lord fight for us.

O dear young people, it is wonderful to live for the Lord and let Him fight our battles. He gives us sweet peace in our souls. I pray God that every one that reads this, who is not right with God, will seek Him earnestly until He saves your soul. I need your prayers, saved young people, that I will stay humble and do the little things that the Lord would have me to do.
— Anna Marie Pruitt.

Porter, Okla. —Dear young saints scattered abroad: Glad to say I am saved and encouraged to live for God. Glad that I can report victory over sin. By the grace of God I mean to press the battle on until the victory is won.

Dear ones, let us not get weary nor tired, neither faint by the way side, but by the grace of God continue in the faith. When our work on earth is finished we will receive a crown of life and raised with Him in glory. Dear saints, the Lord is so good to us. He heals our body when we are sick, and strengthens us in spirit when we are weak. O dear ones, why is it that the unsaved people don't see the good works and follow after? When the Lord returns after His

saints, the unsaved young people will say, O! how I wish I was one of them! Too late! too late!

Dear ones, it is so good to have a God we can trust in. I have never tasted a drop of medicine in my life. Am now 23 years of age. Why should I not want to serve such a mighty God?

I desire your prayers that I may be what the Lord wants me to be. Let us all trust in Him, and when our work is ended we will reign with Him in heaven where there will be no more parting and no good-byes.

A Sister, — Almeater Miles.

Owasso, Okla. — Dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. This evening finds me saved, sanctified and on the King's highway. I am no ways tired of this good way. Some times things comes up to discourage, but the good Lord always helps me to overcome them.

I am going to tell how I did enjoy the camp-meeting at Tulsa, Okla. I wanted to attend this meeting more, but I got good out of what I heard. The good Lord sure used the ministers to break the bread of life to all. (I am asking the prayers of the saints scattered abroad to pray for my brother that he may come to the Lord before it is too late.) O how I did enjoy being with the saints at Tulsa meeting, and too, I want to say that I like to hear the young folks' testimonies. I don't see very many young people's testimonies any more in the paper. Well, I mean to do my very best to do my part. I want the prayers of every Christian, young and old, that I be faithful to the Lord until He calls me from labor to my reward.

Your Sister in Christ, — Miss Jannie Hardman.

COPIOUS SHOWERS

I heard a sound upon a wire,
And glanced up quick to see;
And what you s'pose in sweetest notes,
From God- came forth to me?
Most graceful "chur"-most cheering "chee",
No man has power nor mortal be
To make a bird. with such desire,
As the Mocking bird upon the wire.

We must remember, dear young friend,
Each day a page we make;
And try to cheer some weary soul—
Like the bird, for Jesus' sake.
Our youthful days will soon be o'er,
Fond memories may be ours,
If we fulfill our mission here —Erle E. Forbes
With kind and copious showers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Okmulgee, Okla. — Dear Sister Pruitt and family: In my rush of work I will drop a few lines, and thus try to express my gratitude to God for His wonderful love and goodness to all of us. Seems like more and more I am tied down at home, but thanks be to God who is able to deliver from all opposing powers. How wonderful it is to know that Christ Jesus is our Redeemer, Saviour, Keeper and Preserver. Praise His dear name forever.

I would like for you to renew my subscription for *Faith and Victory*, as I am anxious to hear of the meetings this summer. I don't expect to get to attend any of them, but Oh, how I do love the saints and to hear from all of you. Seems like if I could be with you and talk to some of you it would be great joy to me. I hope I am not too late to get the July number. You may send me the June and July numbers. God bless you all, and remember us in all of your prayers. Let's all strive to be faithful untill we are called from labor to reward. Amen.

Your Sis. in Christ, — Mrs. J. T. Courtney

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Quanah, Texas. — Dear Sister Pruitt: This evening finds me enjoying salvation and the many blessings which have come from His loving hand. I still have a determination to press on and reach heaven after while. We are so glad we have the privilege of living for Him. He has manifested Himself to us in so many ways and has proven to be a true friend. O such matchless love bestowed on frail human beings! We mean by His grace to do our best for Him.

We are enclosing twenty-five cents for the renewal of our subscription for "Faith and Victory". May the Lord bless you and your efforts in winning souls. May He bountifully supply your needs and bless the printing work there. Pray for us that we please Him.

Your Sister in Jesus. Mrs. Lula Blake.

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Rock Creek, Ohio. — Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, and all readers of the "Faith and Victory": Greeting to you in Jesus' precious name. I am still saved from sin and I am thankful to God for this great salvation. This word salvation means much to the lost souls in sin, and it is a complete deliverance from the world, the flesh, and the devil, and it gives the soul victory over sin, and death and hell. We shall not fully enjoy in this life time world the real full meaning of the word salvation. Salvation is a two-fold redemption of soul and body. See Rom. 8: 23, and not only they

but ourselves also which have the first fruits of the spirit (the soul redeemed from sin). Even we ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body; while our souls may be redeemed from all sin through the precious blood of our Saviour. Yet as long as we live in this world, remember there are three things that we must overcome—the world, the flesh, and the devil. Jesus had to overcome them. See Matt. 4: 8. 9. "Again the devil taketh Him up into a exceeding high mountain and showeth Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them and saith unto Him, all these will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Jesus said, "I am not of this world," and in praying to His Father for His children here on earth He said, (John 17: 16), "They are not of the world." No, thank God, we are of a better world. The kingdom of glory is the home of the soul. He that loveth this world shall never enter that beautiful home. We read in John 2: 15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, the love of the Father in not in him, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world, and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Dear ones if we overcome all these things that are against the purified soul untill our death, then the final victory shall be won and the glory shall be ours. As we read of redemption of the body in 1 Cor. 15: 42-44 so also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. What a day of rejoicing that will be when all the righteous dead whose souls are in paradise with God are resurrected! In 2 cor. 5: 1, 2 we read, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." Read the next two verses. We read in 1 Cor. 15: 25, 26, that he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, and in Phil. 3: 21, "Who shall change our vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Thank God for that blessed day when we shall stand complete both soul and body in God through the blood of Jesus on the cross. Heb. 2: 3, "How shall we escape,

if we neglect so great salvation." Pray for me. We need each other's prayers.

Your Brother in Christ, — George W. Frye.

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Natchitoches, La. —To the one body, the many members, of which Christ is the head: Greeting you in the name of Jesus. I am glad for the precious blood of the Lamb of God.

June the 9th I took sick with fever and my bones hurt so badly. I asked God to heal me if it was His will. Today I am well and back to my usual work. Oh, how glad and thankful I am to Jesus our precious Savior. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Please pray for me to trust Him more. Oh! how He supplies my needs and gives me my heart's desires.

Be encouraged and continue to sow the precious seed and your reward will be great in the kingdom of God. I can't put in words what the Lord has done for me through the Faith and Victory paper. May it continue to go out and do for others what it has done for me. Pray earnestly for me and mine.

Your Sister redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, — Mary J. Shannon.

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Benton Harbor, Mich. —Great peace have they which love thy law. I live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, and my walk is in the light of the lamp of His Word which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. My thoughts dear brethren, are on whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise I think on these things. (Phil. 4: 8). I let my conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ; (Phil. 1: 27) and for my mind I let this mind be in me which was also in Christ Jesus; (Ch. 2 v. 5), and for my looks I look not on the things of my own, but am looking for the salvation of others, v. 4, and for my doings, I want nothing done through strife or vainglory: but in lowliness of mind. I want to esteem others better than myself v. 4. For my fidelity I want to adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour in all things, and for my grace, the grace of God that bringeth salvation and it hath appeared to all men. For my teaching that I should deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and for my living, I want to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. For my looking, that I look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for me that He might

redeem me from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works, and for my speaking that I may speak the doctrine of Christ, Tit. 2: 10 to 5, and be also as a lively stone, built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. I Pet. 2:5. For my letting, that I let my light so shine before men, that they may see my good works and glorify my Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5: 16).

Brethren pray for me, that He shall cover me with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust. His truth shall be my shield and buckler. Psal. 91: 4.

—James E. Morris.

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Bellingham, Wash. — Dear Bro. Pruitt: Not long ago I got hold of one of your little papers for the first time. I read it, and read it again and again, and I am surprised to see so many of God's children standing firm for the original truth of this last reformation. I accepted this truth in 1909 in Seattle when I heard it preached. I can not express how I felt when I first saw the Church of God in its beauty back there in 1909. Before the first meeting was over the presence of God was so real and my whole soul and body got so filled that I couldn't keep from crying, so I went out and laid on the grass and cried like a baby. I was just a young man then, and God spoke peace to my soul. O for a Church that cannot be hid and will stand out as a light to the world!

Yours, for the truth of this reformation,

— William Christen

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Hope, Ark. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family: Greetings of love in our precious Savior's name, the one that loved us so much that He gave His dear life that we might have this blessed salvation. O-how precious that we can live at His feet and talk to Him and feel His approval on us. I am so glad I ever found this blessed way. So glad that I have the privilege of taking all my trials and troubles, yes, all my sorrow to One that looks down in love and tender mercy, that knows my heart and can comfort as no other can. Bless His dear name forever.

I mean to keep true by His help and grace. I have no other desire only to live for Him who died for me. Would be so glad if I could be where I could meet with the dear saints, but as I am not permitted to meet with them, I feel it must be for my good in some way, for His Word says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8: 28. I know I love Him and want to be more

like Him in every way. Oh, that my life may be a blessing to others, that I will always be a light in this dark world while here I stay.

I don't forget you nor forget to pray for you. May God bless you all in every way and continue to use you to His glory. I enjoy the little paper and tracts as they come. I send greetings to all the saints there. Remember me in prayer that I ever live to the glory of God.

Your Sister in Christ, — Eva Glasgow.

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Natchitoches, La. —Dear saints at Faith Pub. House: Greetings of holy love in the blessed Savior's name.

This morning finds me still with victory over sin. Praise His name forever. He has been doing and is yet doing for us. Let not those dark days discourage us along the way. Just remember His promise, "I will not leave you nor forsake you," which He is still whispering to us.

I truly enjoyed Faith and Victory this month. It explained so well about tithes, which so many have really believed in. Please join me in prayer, dear saints everywhere, that those people might see things as they are and really leave self behind and be truthful whatever it may cost that God might get the praise. May God bless every one of you dear saints.

Please pray that I will ever go along with the Lord and that God may give me wisdom and understanding whenever needed.

Your humble Sister, set apart for the Master's use, — Sidonia Benjamin

Redeemed

"And they sung a new song saying, thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5: 9-10).

"And they sung a new song." It is natural for the redeemed to sing, because when the Lord redeems a soul He places a new song in its mouth even praises unto the Lord. Oh how wonderful. Isaiah in his prophecy to Israel exclaimed, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isa. 35: 10).

The rejoicing of the children of Israel when they crossed over the Red sea, and were delivered from the Egyptian bondage was a type of the joy and gladness that comes to one who has been redeemed from sin; no mere reformation or adoption of higher resolutions can bring about such results as are pictured to our minds in the Holy Writ. Such experiences are only brought about by the operation of faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ which brings to the soul that unspeakable joy and happiness that the world knows nothing about. Such a radical change has taken place that one feels to be a new creature, not only feels new but is in reality a new creature, "Old things have passed away, and behold all things are become new." He has received the oil of joy for mourning and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness, and would not for worlds go back into sin again, because of the exceeding pleasure they find in the service of the Lord. All seems to be one bright supernal day. The conscience that was once loaded with guilt and sin, and bowed with sadness under condemnation has now been purged and liberated by the blood of Christ and has passed from death unto life, or in other words has been redeemed and, as the apostle Paul says, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we may be also glorified together." (Rom. 8: 16-11;).

This is a glorious experience; sins forgiven, condemnation gone, the soul reunited with God, and yet it is not the will of God that we remain in this state, but we are exhorted to go on unto perfection or to enter into the sanctifying grace or the experience of entire sanctification. We cannot draw back and refuse to obtain this experience when we know it is God's will for us to obtain it, and still remain clear before God. "For this is the will of God even your sanctification." "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate, let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach." (Heb. 13: 12-13)

In the 17th chapter of St. John we find where Jesus prayed for the sanctification of His followers that they might be kept from the evils of the world, that they might be made perfect in one etc. Sin being two-fold in its nature, that is, sins committed and sins inherited, the plan of redemption is two-fold and provision has been made by the all wise God, through the sacrifice of His dear son Jesus, whereby we can have sins forgiven and sin eradicated. All this is in-

cluded in the plan of redemption and to obtain salvation full and complete, we must be both saved and sanctified, then we can, "reign in life by one Christ Jesus" by His blood redeemed. — Ulyesses Phillips

COUNT THE COST

The soul that gets saved and begins to serve God has begun to build a tower that will in time reach to heaven if they continue steadfastly in the faith.

The first thing a soul needs to do is to count the cost and see whether they will be able to finish it. Jesus says, "For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" Luke 14: 28. If he is not able to finish it men will laugh at him saying, this man began to build and was not able to finish it. Now if a man would consider the matter properly he would soon find that within himself he has not the power, wisdom nor resources to build a tower that would reach to heaven, but if he will consider a little more and hate or turn from his ways, thoughts and natural strength and resources and take Jesus as his Captain, overseer and financier he will find that he has sufficient to finish it and gain heaven.

Here are a few things that we will have if we will count Jesus as our Friend and helper. "I and my Father are one." John 10: 30. "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2: 3. "The earth in the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psa. 24: 1. "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Psa. 50: 10. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." Psa. 50, 12.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28: 18.

"Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions (spirits that sting and poison people) and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing by any means hurt you."

"And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink neither be ye of doubtful mind, for all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Luke 12: 29, 30.

When a soul receives Christ and abides in Him he has every provision that is necessary for the building of the tower to climb to heaven. Jesus says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be

saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." Jesus is the arm of the Lord that has reached down and picked us up. He is the only doorway in to heaven. If Satan would come against us with twenty thousand and our strength was only as ten thousand, if we make Jesus our Captain, we can safely march against him and be sure of certain victory..

Consider carefully and prayerfully the last part of the fourteenth chapter of Luke.

The Lord has made a way for every soul to reach heaven if they will. Soul, have faith in God.

— Fred Pruitt.

Do Your Prayers Go Through?

We find in James 5: 16 that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We believe there are many who try to pray effectual and fervent prayers which never effect but little or no good. Many reasons probably are the causes for such a condition. We believe God to be a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. But it is so, that He will not even hear when there is iniquity and sin between us and Him, unless we approach Him acknowledging our guilt, thus calling on Him for pardon, (which He always grants when He is sought with a whole heart). Deut. 4: 29. If we seek God in this way, He will hear at once and the answer will come. We only know when God has heard our prayers when the answer comes, so without the answer to our prayers we are only left in doubt and wonder. We should never pray a worthless prayer, for it has a bad effect upon us. Tho' how unconcious we may be of it, a prayer passing on unanswered only causes us to doubt the next one more or less. We should always pray in the spirit and with understanding, (1 Cor. 14: 15) letting the spirit make intercessions for us.

We find in Matt. 6: 9 the Saviour teaching His disciples to pray, calling their minds to the fact that they should seek the Lord for themselves for whatsoever they desired. Previous to this teaching; we learn that the priests did a lot of the people's praying; but now He teaches them to pray to the Father in heaven for themselves. While praying to their heavenly Father, they confess Him to be their heavenly Father, and they His heavenly born children. Unless one has been heavenly born, they could not pray this prayer. The Saviour teaches His disciples to pray. Again, if there is any guilt in the heart, it cannot be prayed around. Many times, no doubt, there are those who ask for the prayers of the children of

God when the individual has not confidence in his own prayers. People, we should get where our prayers would go through before asking others to pray for us, unless one would ask for agreement in prayer for guilt to be removed. We are made to believe there are many worthless prayers being prayed. Prayer will bring about any condition that meets the approval of God. We do not believe prayers will be answered that are prayed for the destruction of others, for God does not will the death of any but that all should come to repentance and live. All should investigate before asking the prayers of others, and see whether or not our own prayers would go through. Let us all continue in prayer with the sweet approval of our Saviour upon our souls and lives, ever keeping where we can pray the answer down. — John Strech

Steadfast and Steady

The scriptures abound in exhortations to steadfastness. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." 1 Cor. 15: 58. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith." 1 Cor. 16: 13. "Stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved." (Phil 4: 1). "Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6: 13. Such are the instructions given by the servants and apostles of Christ, and Christians do well to heed them.

The steadfastness of Christians is not the steadfastness of stolidity, indifference, or death. They do not maintain their position because of dogged obstinacy, nor do they lie like a dead elephant, unmoved by kicks or strokes; but with eye and mind and conscience alert and keenly sensitive, they stand fast in the faith, and are "not moved away from the hope of the gospel." Col. 1: 23. They know whom they have believed and trusted, they know the ground on which their faith is resting, they are not moved by every wind of doctrine, they are not frightened or disturbed, and they know their adversary, and resist him "steadfast in the faith". 1 Pet. 5: 9. Not only are Christians to be steadfast, but they are to be steady in their efforts and endeavors, having their hearts fixed, trusting in the Lord. They are not to be "moved away from the hope of the gospel" by any enticements, allurements, or disturbances which may surround them. They have learned the way of God. They have received His word and that word works within them mightily to influence, to strengthen, to direct them, and fill them with the divine energy. They have

"tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6: 5); and that word is to them a savor of life unto life, and through them it reaches the world, flowing out of them like rivers of living water. Jno. 7: 38.

The great need of the world today is men who are steadfast in the faith and steady in their adhesion to right, and their obedience to God. Their religion is not for a day, but for all time. Their faith is not for summer, for winter, for Sunday or for week-day, but for every season and every day; and these men, who, impelled by divine powers and influences, never cease to labor, but struggle on in faith and hope and love, are the men who win victories, who conquer foes, and who shall stand triumphant at last in the presence of their Lord.

There are many who run well for a season. There are people who are flighty; ardent today, and indifferent to-morrow; today they are friends, to-morrow they are strangers; next day they may be foes; they can never be trusted or depended on. The work of God demands steadfastness and steadiness, and the man who would not have his life a failure, who would not fritter it away in chasing phantoms and in following bubbles that burst before his eyes, needs to have his feet planted on the eternal Rock, his faith fixed in the living God, his hope steadfast, and within him a divine energy which moves him forward in strength and victory to the glory that awaits him.

Hold fast, ye servants of God; be steadfast and be steady. Do not falter beneath the enemy's fire. Do not faint in the day of adversity, do not be discouraged while around you rages the storm of falsehood, slander, abuse, and misrepresentation. Move on in the strength of God and in the path of duty, and the day of God shall declare your triumph and crown you with eternal joy. — Sel.

Abide In Me

(By MARION BROWN)

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

We cannot abide in Christ until we get into Christ and in order to get into Christ we must first forsake our ways. Read Isa. 55: 7-10; Prov. 23: 13.

We must also make restitution. Ezek. 33: 14, 15; Luke 19: 8. We must forgive others, or God will not forgive us. Matt. 6: 14, 15; 18: 35; Jas. 2: 13. We must also confess. Read Prov. 28: 13; Ps. 32: 5; 1 Jno. 1: 9.

After we have met the Bible conditions laid down in God's word, we can then ask with confidence and faith. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

When we have gotten into Christ the admonition comes to us: "Abide in me." Now to abide in Christ implies a new creature. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Cor. 5:17. It would imply also to be free from every particle of condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1. It also implies to live free from committing sin.

Now there are a great many people in this day and age of the world who think we cannot live free from sin, but will commit sin more or less every day. Yet they claim to be Christians. Let us see what God's word says about it. "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." 1 Jno. 3:6. Also in the eighth verse it says, "He that commiteth sin is of the devil." So you see if we commit sin we are clear outside of Christ.

We should abide in Christ in order to bring forth fruit. Jno. 15:5, 8. As the branch of a tree could not bring forth fruit if severed from the tree, so it is with us spiritually. Now let us see what kind of fruit we are to bear. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Gal. 5:22, 23. This is the kind of fruit we are to bear exclusively.

Some of the fruits of the flesh are as follows: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies (or sects), envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19-21. O dear ones, do not be deceived and think you can do any of these things and yet be Christians.

We should abide in Christ in order to receive answer to prayer. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Jno. 15:7. Praise God for such promises! We should also abide in Him so we can have confidence, and our prayers be not hindered. "Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we

receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 Jno. 3:21, 22. Also read 1 Jno. 2:28. But how much confidence can we have? "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him." 1 Jno. 5:14, 15.

But how are we to know whether we are abiding in Him or not? Well, let us read: "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 Jno. 3:24. "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." 1 Jno. 1:3-5. Proof of abiding in Him: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." 1 Jno. 2:6.

Now let us read some more of God's word and see what the result will be if we abide not in Christ. "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." Jno. 15:6: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Matt. 3:10.

Let us not be deceived, but let us examine ourselves and measure our life by God's word and see if we are abiding in Christ or not.

The Life Road

My life road is bleak indeed;
No blooming flowers are there,
And steep the hill, but close beside
Is One who hears my prayer.

Oh Blessed Saviour, let me then
Entrust my load to Thee;
It matters not how sharp the stones
Since Thou dost walk with me.

— Clara B. Reynolds

MORNING PRAYER

Now I get me up to work,
I pray the Lord I may not shirk.
If I should die before the night,
I pray the Lord my work's all right.
— Erle E. Forbes