

FAITH AND VICTORY

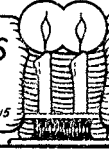
THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE



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



JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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O, FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH HIM!

O, to be more like Jesus,
My heart is longing each day!
Just to walk closer to Him,
Along life's rugged pathway,
To bear more of His image;
That the world might be able to see
The likeness of Jesus of Nazareth
Daily reflected in me.

Lord draw me closer to you;
Make me a blessing today,
Help me say "amen" to your will;
Be as the Potter's clay.
Tho' trials may be more severe,
The burdens more heavy to bear;
Persecutions may always abound —
"Draw me closer" is yet my prayer.

Help me to be fully surrendered;
My life on the altar laid;
Have "self" completely killed out.
A full consecration made.
That then I might be a vessel
Which would honor and glorify You,
Only an instrument in Your hands.
Lord, help me to forever be true.

— Flossie Blake

Atonement or Attainment?

From God's standpoint there are but two religions: one is man's, the other is God's. Man's religion, whatever its name, is always based on human attainment. God bases His on divine atonement. Man would turn over a new leaf. God seeks to implant a new life.

Examine the Bible and you will find a scarlet thread running from cover to cover. "It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin." "When I see the blood I will pass over you." "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." "Not without blood."

IS SELF SALVATION POSSIBLE?

Are you hoping for salvation on the basis of your own merits? God's only remedy for the guilt and stain of sin is the blood of Jesus Christ. Man cannot be saved by his own good life, for he cannot meet God's righteous standards (Rom. 3: 23; 1 John 1: 8; Jas. 5: 17; Rom. 3: 10) Man cannot be saved in his sinful life, for God refuses to accept him. Man's religions make no provisions for putting away guilt.

Look at the Old Testament. Everywhere are the sacrifices—the shedding of blood. Was all this meaningless? No. The lamb stood as a type of "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world." The offering of the lamb without blemish was the worshipper's acknowledgement of the guilt of sin, of his own inability to himself merit eternal salvation and of his absolute dependence on the promised Redeemer to settle the account. According to God's plan no one can be qualified for heaven until they first confess that by nature they are qualified for hell.

WHY DID CHRIST DIE?

Come into the New Testament. You find something unparalleled in any other writings. You are struck with the unique prominence given to the death of Christ. Why such emphasis on His death and so little on His life? Why is Christ in His teachings continually speaking of His coming death and resurrection and pointing to the Old Testament prophecy regarding the sacrifice of Himself?

Why does He say, "I must be lifted up" that "whosoever believeth might not perish but have everlasting life"? Why does He say, "I have come to

give My life a ransom"? When He faces the work of the cross why does He say, "For this cause came I unto this hour"?

WAS JESUS SIMPLY A MARTYR?

No value is attached to the death of any one in the Old Testament. There was no regenerative power in the death of any of the prophets. There were martyrs and heroes but no writer attributes any importance to the shedding of their blood. But when you come to Christ you find He came to die and not to live, that His death was very object of His incarnation.

The very heart of the Gospels is not teaching Christ but a crucified Christ whose sacrifice is the mighty magnet to draw the world to God. The song of the glorified saints in heaven as revealed to John in Revelation is not concerning a teaching Christ nor a mighty King, but "the Lamb that was slain" and by whose blood men were redeemed to God.

Some say Christ died simply as a martyr, His death being the result of circumstances that were too strong for Him. In this way they seek to evaporate the doctrine of the atonement.

WAS CHRIST A VICTIM OR A VICTOR?

How can this theory be reconciled with the fact that the chief message of Christ from the very first concerned His death and resurrection? "No man taketh my life from me," He said, "I lay it down of myself and I will take it up again." He came down for that purpose. His death was His own choice. God's program according to the Old Testament. There was no other way.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed."

Jesus said, "I must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised again the third day." He never foretold His coming death without adding that He would be resurrected. He did not therefore die as the result of circumstances that were too strong for Him. He died as the Lamb of God to make remission for sin.

HOW DOES HIS DEATH ATONE?

How could one person atone for the sin of millions? Christ could not atone for our sins were He merely a human being like all the rest of us, but He was the only begotten Son of God. Is there not a difference in the scale of being between the infinite Son of God and finite man? We are creatures. He was God manifested in the flesh." Had many other

worlds sinned as well as ours, His blood would be of sufficient value to more than atone. His infinite suffering for our sins is the equivalent of eternal suffering. He has paid our price. God accepts it, provided we accept Him.

God is satisfied with the work of the cross as settling the sin question. Are you? Have you accepted it? Are you living in the power of it?

There is but one ladder to heaven—the cross.

"He bore our sins in His own body on the cross, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by His stripes we are healed."

— KEITH L. BROOKS

What Shall I Do To Be Saved?

(By Emil Kreutz)

This is a very important question. I do not know of another question of such vast importance as this one. The jailer at Philippi asked the apostles this question at the time when he was about to take his own life. Our Savior asks us the question, "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. And we ask you, dear reader, what would your profit be? What would it be? The redemption of your soul is "precious and it ceaseth forever." It cost the precious blood of Christ to purchase your redemption from sin and the devil. But what must you do to come in possession of this redemption that He purchased? The first very necessary essential is to be convinced, or to realize, that you are lost. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19: 10. He came to call not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matt. 9: 13. John the Baptist said to the people, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance; and think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father," or, in other words, do not justify yourself and make out that you are pretty good, that you have lived a good moral life, that you have had good religious parentage and training, etc. Look at sin just as it is in the sight of God. See your own wicked corrupt heart full of deadlines. John the Baptist and Jesus also told those good moral (?) people that they were a generation of vipers. Ask God to help you see yourself as He sees you. It is a fact that we have all been born in sin. Psa. 51: 5. Are by nature the children of wrath. Eph. 2: 3. If

we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar. 1 John 1: 10. "For we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3: 23; 5: 12. These scriptures are sufficient to convince the unsaved who are willing to receive God's Word, that they are sinners in the sight of God.

It is a fact that all sinners are in a lost condition. Jesus said to the Jews, "And ye shall die in your sins, and whither I go, ye cannot come; (sad, sad, indeed!) for if ye believe not that I am He (the Messiah or Savior), ye shall die in your sins." John 8: 21- 24. There is no other way of salvation; the only way is through Christ. All who are living in sin are lost and in a perishing condition. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." 2 Cor. 4: 3. The whole world lieth in wickedness. 1 John 5: 19. Sad, indeed, yet true, and may God in mercy yet awaken the people to realize their lost condition, that they may turn to God in sincerity and be saved.

But the question under consideration is, What must the sinner do to be saved? The apostles said to the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." First of all this is the essential thing in salvation. We must believe in Jesus. There is no other way of salvation. Acts 4: 12. Jesus said to the inquiring Jews, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6: 29. The Lord said to Thomas, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." John 20: 29. Peter says: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Pet. 1: 8, 9. The joy and peace are in believing, (Rom. 15: 13) but we must believe with the heart, and not merely with the head, "for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10: 10.

Before any one can believe with the heart, he must first repent of all his sins. Mat. 21: 32. "And ye, when ye had seen it (the righteousness of John Baptist's life and teaching) repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." This is God's order throughout the New Testament teaching. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1: 15. "Repent ye, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3: 19. "The times of this ignorance God winked at: but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17: 30. Repentance comes before believing. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Luke 13: 3, 5. It takes godly sorrow for sin to bring about repentance unto salvation, to bring about sufficient sorrow to cause one to forsake and turn away from sin (Isa. 55: 7; Psa. 66: 18), to make wrong-right (Ezek. 33: 15; Luke 19: 8), to forgive those who may have wronged him (Mat. 6: 14, 15; 18: 35), to be reconciled to his enemies (Mat. 5: 23, 24), and to confess his sins to God. 1 John 1: 9; Acts 19: 18. Godly sorrow and repentance will bring about a melting and breaking up of the hard stony heart. Mat. 21: 44. The sacrifice of a broken heart God accepts. Psa. 51: 17. He saveth such. Psa. 34: 18. It will bring about a real carefulness not to commit any more sin, and a careful, cautious walk before God and man. It will work a clearing of yourselves on all these lines, and will give you an indignation against sin and the works of the devil, a fear to do anything wrong, a vehement desire to please God, a zeal for the cause of God and for the salvation of souls, and a revenge on sin. Yea, in all things you will approve yourself to be clear before God and man. 2 Cor. 7: 10, 11. Bible repentance will cause you to lay aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, as tobacco-using, superfluous and worldly adorning in dress, all manner of lightness, fun and foolishness, and will give you a willingness to receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your soul. Jas. 1: 21.

There is nothing that will make you as wise unto salvation as the Holy Scriptures and faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3: 15. You are safe to build upon the Word of God. I do not believe any individual would fail in getting saved if he would diligently follow the instructions of the scriptures given in this article. However, there are one or two more scriptures to which I would refer the reader. One is Rom. 10: 13, and Acts. 2: 21. You must call, and not be ashamed or backward in doing so, for if you are ashamed of Him and His Word, He will be ashamed of you. May the Lord grant every reader that needs it, "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20: 21.

A banquet is a dinner,
Kings with their friends feast;
Come, dine with the Savior,
Come even the least.
His banner over us
Is one of great love,
And the Bread of life given
Is free from above.

— Goldie Finch

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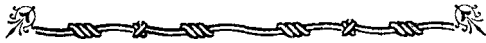
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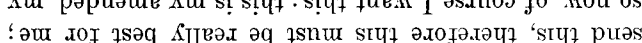
A man or woman must be born twice before they can die once if they see the kingdom of God.

There are some objects that move too fast for the eye to see and there are other objects that move too slow for the eye to see. The spirit of God is like the wind, it cannot be seen by the natural eye. You can see the tree boughs moving which is the effect of the wind but you cannot see the wind; so also you can see the change in one born of the spirit but you cannot see the spirit. You cannot see the spiritual growth in the soul but you know by ways and deeds that it has increased. The mother says of baby, "I can just see him grow." The baby grows too slow for the eye to see. She cannot see him grow, she just merely knows by observation that he is getting larger. Those who are really born of the spirit will be known of others as such even though the spirit cannot be seen.

Those who receive the Lord and His ways joyfully prove that they are finding pleasure in His will, and death to their life is swallowed up in victory, and titivation for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17: 21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John and Paul preached, taught and practiced, including the Divine healing of the body. Jas. 5: 14, 15 Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stir your heart. Read Exodus 25: 2; 1 Chronicles 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

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something else simply because I was short-sighted and knew no better; but God by His providence has shown me my blunder; so now I choose this because I am perfectly sure that God's wisdom is higher than mine, and He could not design anything but my greatest good."

God has a right to expect trust from us and to feel hurt if he does not receive it. A genuine trust in God practically abolishes the troubles of life. It abolishes all that is worst about them, all that is unbearable. It takes away the sting and the burden."

"O for the peace of a perfect trust,
That looks away from all;
That sees thy hand in everything,
In great events or small.
That hears a Father's voice —
Directing for the best;
O for the peace of a perfect trust,
A heart with thee at rest."

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Having no relish for the reading of the Bible and neglecting to practice its teachings is a sure sign of coldness towards its author. A true Christian will be a zealous lover of the Bible. He will study it and strive to practice what it says.

So little study of it in these days and the laying it aside for newspapers, novels, magazines and funny papers explains the worldliness and corrupted morals that exist all about us.

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Our light will burn very dim and heavenly life will come near being extinct if we are much in worldly society. The Bible and good inspired books and papers will stimulate fellowship with Christ and consequently growth in the soul.

Exercising ourselves in good deeds is conducive to spirituality. We are exhorted in the Word to exercise, "exercise thyself unto godliness" — the inertia's o', "Go right on working" spell "grow." The growth will be the most rapid and best under steady presistences in difficult places where courageous self-denial is needed, enduring hardships is severe training. This is the path to lasting benefit. We will see our own weakness quicker when attempting to help others and we will be repeatedly driven to the Lord for grace and strength. As we give out to others our heart will call to Father and He will give in to our souls and we will become a channel for God to work through to His praise and glory.

"Find out what God would have you do,
And do that little well;

For what is great and what is small
'Tis only He can tell."

He is fully independent of man who is wholly depending on God. Those who depend more or less on men become feeble and fickle while they feign to make men believe they are strong in God; their piety are of the flimsy, flabby order, too pliable and plastic to be counted on when things are hard.

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The soul of man can be compared to a sponge. When we begin to walk by faith in Jesus Christ it will fill up with the "water of life" until it becomes a "well of water springing up into everlasting life."

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"Do noble things, not dream them all day long." This is the way to make life one glad, sweet song. Without resolution and tenacity of purpose very little will be accomplished in this Satan-infested world.

"Stick to your aim; the mongrel's hold will slip,
But only crowbars loose the bulldog's grip;
Small as he looks, the jaws that never yields
Drags down the bellowing monarch of the fields!"

"To have no wish, no care, with reference to anything out side of the will divine is proof of a very high perfection." It is the door-way to perfect peace. "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee desire of thine heart." It is true riches indeed to have the full desire of the heart.

"Only to sit and think of God,
O what a joy it is!

To think the thought, to breathe the name,
Earth has no higher bliss!"

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Those who want to get close to their divine Master will be glad to come near His earthly representative and do all they can to second his efforts.

Does the spirit of self-sacrifice and of brotherly love sufficiently prevail with us? It seems that many are not willing to put aside their taste or pleasure for others to the advancement of His Kingdom.

EDITOR'S HOME-COMING

Fred Pruitt and the company of workers in the South returned from Louisiana to Louin, Miss. where they are holding meetings at present.

A part of a letter written Oct. 18 reads as follows: "We have had good meetings, and the Lord has been greatly blessing and edifying the saints. I believe that some will get saved in this meeting, for two, at least, said they were.

"We expect to close the meeting here Sunday night (Oct. 23), and plan to start home (Guthrie,

Okla.) Tuesday morning (the 25th) if there are some to baptize on Monday.

"I am ready to come home now, as it seems that the Lord is making me think more and more about the printing work. The literature is doing good. I see that more and more. I'm sending a few more names for the paper."

The Lord willing, they will arrive here at the Office right at the last of October. By the time our readers receive this November paper, we expect that Bro. Pruitt will be very busy again in the publishing work in which he is greatly interested. We at the Office are glad to welcome him home again.

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Through the blessings of the Lord we have been able to print and restock a few of our tracts that are in special demand. We are trusting the Lord to supply the need, so that many more may be restocked real soon, or in His own time. The Lord's way is truly best.

MEETING REPORTS

A glorious camp-meeting was held at Salt Creek Okla. The truth was preached with power. The devil was held in subjection. Bro. H. Robinson preached until the other ministers came. The saints at Salt Creek were greatly encouraged. Three souls were saved, two sanctified and forty-one took part in the ordinances. Nine ministers were present, including Bro. B. J. Douglas.

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We feel it pleasing unto the Lord to give a report of the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting which was held July 22 to 31.

Quite a number of precious saints from different parts camped on the ground. Truly, the presence of the Lord was in our midst in mighty power, and His dear name was magnified.

I believe there were thirty-two ministers present. Among them was Bro. Forbes of Okla. who was called back home after being there only a few days. Bro. Zinn of Calif., Bro. Kutra of Cleveland, Ohio, Bro. Clark and Bro. Justice from the eastern coast, Sister Anderson of Springfield, Mo. and Sis. Stublefield of Okla. were among the ministers present. Sweet unity prevailed throughout the meeting. The Word of God went forth in the power of the Holy Ghost and some real salvation work was done. Twenty eight or thirty souls were saved, some received healing to their bodies and others received many benefits

from the hand of God. Twelve followed the Lord in baptism, and eighty-nine happy saints took part in the ordinance of feet-washing and the Lord's supper. Refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord filled our hearts. His approval rested upon the obeying of His Word where He says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

I believe the saints were all encouraged, and that they went away more determined to battle against sin and darkness and to live that life that will honor God.

We desire your prayers that the work will continue to prosper at this place. Your Sister,
in the service of the Lord, — Artie Bowers

OBITUARY

Rutha Mae Eck, daughter of Bro. and Sister Dan A. Eck of Meno, Okla., was born Dec. 22, 1929. Departed this life September 24, 1932; age, 2 years, 10 months and 2 days. She leaves father, mother, seven brothers and six sisters to mourn their loss. Her sisters: Mrs. Eva Penner of Orienta, Okla., Mrs. Carolina Cristman of Meno, Okla., Inez, Eck, Clara, Ruey and Ella Mae. Her brothers: Albert, Adam, Waldo, Edwin, Paul, Clifford and Wilbert. Many other relatives and neighbors sorrow with the bereaved family.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. R. Johnson at the Mennonite Church at Meno, Okla.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

"Now after that John was put in prison Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye, and believe the gospel.'" (Mark 1: 14-15).

There are varied opinions as to what the Kingdom of God is. There always has been a quabble among men over this subject since John came "preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven (God) is at hand.'" (Matt. 3: 1-2).

Jesus said again, "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." This is the cause of many, if not all, failures today. Failure to search the scriptures. Some think the Kingdom of God will be set up at some future time and that it will be a literal kingdom, and of only a thousand years duration. Others think that all the wild beasts and domestic animals and poisonous snakes will come and take

part in the great festivities in the Kingdom of God.

Many have a "head knowledge" of the scriptures, but not a "heart-felt" experience, and the wisdom of God to apply to their knowledge, thus they go wrong. I may have a great knowledge of sin, but if I haven't the wisdom of God (which comes only through the New Birth), to keep me out of it, I am in trouble all the time.

We read in 1 Cor. 4: 20, "For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." The Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come, and He said to them, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither shall they say, lo here! or lo there! for, behold the Kingdom of God is within you."

Now if the Kingdom's within us, then how are these wild beasts and cattle and serpents going to be there. Why, that is exactly what the King does, He casts out of us these very serpents the spirits of wolves, leopards, bears, lions and serpents, and makes us as peaceable as a lamb, because the Lamb and His life is within. We can then live among and be surrounded by these evil spirits in others and we will not desire to *hurt nor destroy* the persons. All the *fight* is taken out of us when the King sets up His Kingdom of love, joy and peace within. Glory to God.

In Romans 14: 17 we read, "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink (not a literal kingdom) but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Hallelujah!

Men are searching for knowledge of everything else, and passing up this, the greatest of all, the Kingdom of God. Men are interested in the kingdoms of Europe, and have gone there, spending millions to study them and their form of government. The inventive geniuses of men have taken on large strides, they have conquered the air by airplane; they have harnessed electricity; pulling it out of the air and making it a slave to humanity; they have eliminated distance by the invention of various means of travel. they have sent the voice of man around the world upon the tractless ether; they have, seemingly, all but stormed the very gates of heaven, by the inventive knowledge of man, yet we as a nation, are on the very verge of bankruptcy.

Cities and countrysides are thronged with millions of suffering, hungry, diseased mortals. Crime is on the increase; signs of heathenism are visibly to be seen. Our nation seems to take on the aspect of a hidden volcano, burning fiercely, and approaching closer and closer, day by day, an explosion that

will be the final undoing of the one time "garden spot of the world." All because we know so little of the Kingdom of God.

All the great knowledge and works of men will profit us nothing. We must all repent and believe the gospel. We are in the time prophesied of in 2 Tim. 3: 7, "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Light has come, but it has been and is being rejected.

Man may be able to sail to Mars or to the moon and enjoy the thrills that go with all his new-found discoveries, but he will never enter into the Kingdom of God by works. It takes the *Old time Bible experience of salvation*, which embodies the confession and forsaking of sin, and making restitution with all whom we have been involved in trickeries and frauds and improper dealings, business or verbal or otherwise to bring the joy, peace and everlasting happiness and the smiles of our loving Father, as His smiles drives our sorrow all away. Hallelujah! God loves to see men leave the cold, damp, misty, valleys of sin and shame, and climb to the highest peak, which is *faith in God*. There we can sail above all the lowlands of strife, sin and demon-infested lower regions, and sit in heavenly places with the Lamb who redeemed us with his own blood, for our citizenship is in heaven. God needs men to fight sin and the devil, the enemy of all righteousness, the enemy that breaks hearts, damns souls, and breaking into homes, causing divorce and suffering children.

Jesus says in Luke 16: 16, "The law and the prophets were until John, since that time the Kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it." O, it takes pressing to get into the Kingdom of God. It takes a real battle against the powers of darkness. The greatest battle ever fought was the battle of a soul against the enemy of God and righteousness. Martin Luther's battle and victory brought freedom to millions of souls. He shook off the shackles of Roman Catholicism bondage, and laid hold on eternal life and came into possession of the Kingdom of God.

Oliver Cromwell's battle in the seventeenth century brought liberty to the New England states, and our forefathers tramped the hills and valleys of New England with a spelling book in one hand, and the Bible in the other, until America became the leading nation of the world in Christianity.

Bring me the names of all the great men, who were great in works. Bring me Alexander the Great who conquered every nation and wept bitterly because

there were no more to conquer: bring me Oliver Perry, the hero of Lake Erie; bring me Robert E. Lee, the hero of the South; bring me Marshal Foch, Von Hindenburg, General Pershing, heroes of the World War, and I will place over them all the name of the lowly, unlearned fisherman, Simon Peter, who said to the despised stranger of the unpopular town of Nazareth, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Upon this confession of faith, the Kingdom of God rests today.

Faith is a giant that never fires a distress signal, never sends out an S. O. S. Faith is a mighty warrior who enters the enemy's territory, burning the bridges behind him, for he expects to live there.

If under the leadership of mighty men with the *Stars and Stripes* floating over their heads, men will cross the briny deep and tear down the strong holds of the mighty Germans and dye the hills of Flanders' field red with their life's blood, and fight on the high seas until the mighty battle cruisers slip from under them, or scale the heights of "Lookout Mountain," and fight heroically above the clouds, or fight on Shiloh's battle field until the Tenn. river runs red with blood; if men will do all this, why won't they become a citizen in the Kingdom of God and with Jesus Christ as our mighty captain and the Holy Spirit as our leader, and God the Father stationed at the supply base and the banner, red with our Redeemer's blood floating over us, go forth with all the armour of God buckled on, to fight against "principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places"? The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought unto the obedience of Christ. Glory to God! If you want something to thrill you, and fill you with a burning glory, take the road to the right and come over by the way of the Cross that leads into the Kingdom of God, and you can have plenty.

Man may appear insignificant and meaningless but he is the crowning glory of God's creation. He is God's master-piece. He is the only inhabitant of all this earth that can inherit or have any part or reign in the Kingdom of God. He is a king in the territory of all God's Kingdom.

God paints the roses and lilies and He opens the gates of the morning, and calls to all His creation "Awake, for the new day dawns." He seals us up in our beds of slumber, and closes the gates of the even-

ing and sets the stars to watch over us while we sleep, but He will never place man in the Kingdom of God against His will. We must strive to enter in. We must *seek* and *knock* and then He will open the door.

— C. L. Robertson.

REAPING FAITH

The man who has no faith in the soil will not plow it; the man who has no faith in the seed will not sow it; and the man who has no faith in the return in the seasons will neither plow nor sow. So it is in spiritual things, if we have no faith in God's promises such as, "Great recompense of reward." and "Crown of righteousness." The greatest part of a saint's happiness is in promises. They must first do the will of God before they receive the promise, and after they have done the will of God they have need of patience to wait for the time when the promises shall be fulfilled; they have need of patience to live until God calls them away. It is a trial of the patience of Christians to be content to live after their work is done, and to stay for the reward until God's time to give it to them has come. We must be God's waiting servants when we can be no longer his working servants. The business of a sincere Christian in this world is to be doing the will of God.

— Mathew Henry.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The Scripture reads that God is *Love*,
And I would like to be.
Filled with the everlasting *Joy*,
That cometh from above.
Jesus said, "I give my *Peace*,
Unto all who will obey."
Yet many say, "Must I *Suffer long*,
That rest may enter in?"
Bow to His will and *Gentleness*,
So hard to find to day.
Will enter then with *Goodness*,
I feel so sure to say.
Accept the mighty truth by *Faith*,
And surely you will see
A change from strength to *Meekness*
From just a simple plea.
In all things find a *Temperance*
In weakness there is strength.
This fruit will tell the *Story*
And God will give you REST.

— Mildred G. Ball.

« Young People's Section »

Treading in Satan's Tracks

The moon was clearly showing,
When the night winds soft and low
Swept o'er the western valley
On a couple, aged and slow.

Their heads were bent in agony,
There was sorrow on their brow--
Their dream, the only hope of life.
They knew for sure had ended now.

A son with reckless laughter,
With reckless, drunken blows,
Had robbed and cheated long enough
To make a million foes.

He did not heed a mother's pray,
Or a father's good advice--
His way he thought was best of all;
He was indulging in Satan's vice.

And now behind those prison bars
He sits and faces facts,
And thinks of all the good advice
Turned down in reckless laughs.

And though he's now behind those bars,
He sends this message back
To boys from every state or race--
"Beware of Satan's tracks."

— R. M. B.

EDITORIALS

Many people are satisfied with false hopes. Eternity in heaven or hell is too real to depend on uncertainty or take chances on our destination after death has laid us in the grave. Christ is our only true hope. If that hope fades (Christ cannot fail), we are lost forever. Outside of Christ there is no hope of eternal salvation founded on a sound basis.

Those unsaved people who are entertaining false hopes tell us that they feel they are going to be saved and that God is too good to damn anyone. The self-righteous justify themselves also. Truly, God is

good, yet there are some things that He will not allow. Sin will never enter heaven. God is so good that He allows us a choice. We can please ourselves in the matter. We can accept Christ and be saved, or we can reject Him and be damned. Isn't that fair and just. We can have life if we want it. Our destiny after death depends upon the choice we make before we die.

Here are a few scriptures from the Bible to those who feel they are going to be saved. "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14: 12. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isa. 55: 8. Even though we think we are good enough and will in some way be saved we find in Rom. 3: 22, 23, "There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

To those who think that God is too good to damn anyone we quote these: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3: 18. "Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." Rom. 2: 4, 5. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13: 13.

May all who read see God's truth on this question, is my desire.

We praise the Lord for how He has blessed and supplied the printing work, and helped us print more tracts. We need your prayers continually. -- L. D. P.

THE PRICE HE PAID

Jack was a lonely boy who lived in the woods, as his father was in the lumber business and spent most of the year among his men. Jack had lost his mother when only ten. His father was so busy he took no time seeing to Jack, who went much his own way. He was not bad or troublesome, only full of life and fun, wanting to do what the men did, be "as

much of a man as possible!" So very early he learned to smoke tobacco. He felt big going around puffing a pipe or carrying a cigar. He had spending money to get what tobacco he wanted, and came to want more and more, as is usually true of young smokers. When thirteen, Jack was smoking literally all day, and would as soon go without meals as without tobacco.

Then something happened that began troubling him much. He found he could not see well with his left eye. When reading or studying his eyes pained him much. Dimness of sight grew worse until Jack told his father, resulting in his going to the city to have the oculist examine his eyes. After examining his eyes carefully the oculist asked, "How long have you been smoking my boy?" Jack tried to think,—his memory also affected. "Three years or more; I do not remember." I thought so. Jack, if you quit using tobacco now, I may save your right eye. The nerves of the left are beyond repair, I am sorry." Poor Jack! He quit tobacco, but too late! The right eye became dim also, and though he has not yet lost the use of it, he may be totally blind in a few years. What price to pay for using tobacco a few years! Jack feels this strongly. "If I only had known," he told me. "But nobody told me. — Now I hate tobacco, but the mischief is done, and I am blind. O, if I only had known!"

How many boys, who like Jack do not know the deadly harm tobacco does to growing bodies? The heart, lungs, nerves, eyes all are in danger when a boy begins smoking. He may not realize he is taking fearful risks

This is a sad, true story, so I write it that boys may see! Use your body for God and be blest! "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul." "Whatsoever a man (and boy) soweth, that shall he also reap."

— SEL.

COURAGE

The snail is small, and moves but slowly, - yet it makes its path, and leaves an unmistakable evidence of its course upon the sand by a shiny fluid which it secretes in large quantities, that we are made to wonder.

Although we may seem small and good for nothing, we are marking our path, and the people know which course we are taking. Yet, if we do our best for God, many may look upon the results of our efforts with

wonder.

God's word says something about a worm threshing a mountain; and one chasing a thousand; and two putting ten thousand to flight. These are comparative promises to God's children; so let us ask ourselves the question, "If God be for us who can be against us?"

Take courage, "Let the weak say I'm strong."
 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
 — Erle E. Forbes

Okla. City, Okla. — Dear young saints scattered abroad: I am glad I can report victory in my soul and more encouraged to live for the Lord than ever before. The longer I live for the Lord the greater the desire grows.

I have been saved and sanctified six years and have never been sorry one time that I gave up my life of sin. I wouldn't turn back for a world of gold!

I have gotten so much encouragement from the Necsho, Mo. and the Okla. City camp-meetings. It encourages me to see a few young saints starting out in the work of the Lord. There should be more, because this work will be left entirely upon the young saints in a few years. The young saints now are the future ministers, workers and saints.

I have two little boys that I am bringing up for the Lord to use any way He sees fit. I have a saved husband to help me. Praise the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, — Bonnie Porter.

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Guthrie, Okla. — Dear young people: I am glad that I can report victory in my soul over every imposing power of the enemy. I am burdened to live closer to God and do more for God by living, talking and writing for my blessed Saviour. Truly He has set us a wonderful example and we should each do our best for Him. He has given us the blessed Gospel and has given us the command to go teach all nations and every creature, also that we should live holy, upright before God.

Oh, dear friends, brothers and sisters let us put on the whole armor of God that we will be able to stand against the devil. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus alone and follow in His footsteps. Even when we try to follow in the footsteps of some good settled saint or minister we will fall off the highway if we don't keep our eyes on Jesus. Let us get our eyes off of man and on Jesus. So many young people get their eyes on a minister or saint and then the devil will cause them to

misunderstand something that the minister or saint does from a pure heart and go down

My friends, let us by God's help stop looking at others, because human beings make mistakes so often that it isn't safe. The devil is doing all within his power to divide and subdivide the flock of God, but let us each one hold up the banner of Christ and we will naturally flow together. The devil knows if he can get us separated he can easier get us because we are alone.

Let us pray God for more love and long-suffering. The scripture just came to me how we should have long suffering with each other considering ourselves lest we also be tempted. If all of God's people would more fully obey this, there would not be division and strife as there is. I realize I need more love and wisdom. Please pray for me that I may fulfill God's will concerning me while I have time and that I live the Gospel of Christ.

Yours in our Master's service. —Evelyn Janes

WHAT IS LIFE?

One night as I was thinking
Of the path that we should trod,
I tho't of the ones who were sinking,
Oh! I wish they would come to God.

Life is real — we should take heed,
And keep our hearts pure and clean.
We should sow good and holy seed,
And never be unkind and mean.

People are only servants.
But some of them think they are not.
If they are not God's servants,
Destruction shall be their lot.

What is life to a sinner?
It is sorrow, misery and pain.
But the life of a VICTORY WINNER
Is joy, peace — a crown shall gain.

— B. Carl Miles.

CORRESPONDENCE

Missouri. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. The dear Lord is still blessing us, and I know He will as long as we obey His Word and please Him. My only desire and determination is to do His will at any cost. It makes

no difference to me if the world hates me. I am going to do His will, for I find more pleasure in serving the good Lord than any other way. I find Him ready and willing to help in every time of need. In sickness He always has His ear open to our prayers. Just night before last we tried Him and found it so. My husband had the hives and he was almost a solid mat of welts and would get very sick, but the good Lord heard prayer and healed his body and he slept all night, and went to work this morning. Praise His holy name.

I haven't been saved very long, but I find all the pleasure in this world is serving the good Lord. Earthly pleasures just lasts a little while and vanishes away, and we get no reward, but if we do the will of God we get a glorious reward — eternal life.

I will close with love to all in Jesus' name.

— Lucy Sipes

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Vicksburg, Arizona. — Dear Saints: I want to tell what the good Lord has done for me.

On the 7th of last July I got accidently shot with a twelve guage shot gun in my right side. I was so close to the gun that most of the shot struck my right breast. The wound started at my right shoulder blade, coming across under my arm and tearing the flesh and three ribs out for a space of three or four inches in width. Nearly half the breast was torn off, and in answer to prayer God has healed me to the extent that I can do most all my work. Of course, the ribs bother me some, but I believe He is going to make them as strong as before. I am encouraged to trust Him all the way.

As I lay in the hospital people would come in to see me. They would say, "Surely that is of God or you would have been dead by now." One pastor of the Lutheran Church came in and he said, "If you get well, people will have to say, that it was God alone that made you well," and of course, it was. I told the nurses the evening just after I got hurt that God would heal me and I was not afraid to trust Him. I had trusted Him a long time and had always found His words to be true. "It is so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word." Oh, if we all could only see what those few words mean to us.

I thank the good Lord for a paper that will stand for nothing but the truth. It does my soul good to read its pages and to know there are a few who are standing on the firm foundation, for when this old world is on fire we want to be able to stand on the Bible. We will have to stand on it at the Judgment.

I am in hopes this will encourage some to be true to Jesus till He comes. That is my desire.

Your Sister, — Beatrice Crippin.

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Owassa, Okla. — Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am writing a line or two to let the saints here and there know that we are not asleep and not at all discouraged. We are out here fighting the devil. Praise God. We are not alone. God is with us. He gave consent to start Sunday School, and so we did on Oct. 2, 1932. There were 11 of us. We had a nice time.

I mean by God's help, which is His grace, to do all I can for souls. Pray earnestly for us. The devil is doing his best. Anyone filled with the Holy Ghost is welcome to help us.

Your Sister in Christ, —Nancy Hardman.

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Missouri. — Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour who died on the cross for us all.

I am so thankful for the joy and peace in my soul, as I am on the road to glory. Praise God. Soon we will be in our mansion in heaven. I love to work for the Lord.

I hear people talking about depression. Depression hasn't made any difference with me. I have more now than before the depression was on. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of light." (James 1: 17). It seems to me that more I give to God's cause the more He gives to me. Dear Sister, there are many called but few chosen. Not very many will give up all to follow Jesus.

May the Dear Lord bless all of you in His work and supply all of your needs, and keep His work pure everywhere. I often think of you when in prayer. I like so well to read the little paper, as there are so many encouraging articles in it.

I am sending five dollars. Use it as the dear Lord directs. Please send me some tracts of the following titles

Your Sister, saved and sanctified,
— Mary Whitmore

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South Carolina. — Dear Sir: I received the tracts you sent to me alright, and I felt like it was my duty to tell how much good they have done.

I teach the young men's class, and there are some of them who are not Christians. I have given them a good many of the tracts you sent me, and they have worked wonderfully. Two said they were going

to live better than they ever had. I want your prayers that these young men will every one give their hearts to the Lord.

We are praying that you can carry the good work on that you are doing and reach many. Enclosed you will find a list of some more tracts I would like to have. I am enclosing \$1.00, and that is such a small amount for such fine little tracts. I like your paper, "Faith and Victory" too, and I want to subscribe for it just as soon as I can.

Your brother in Christ, —F. C. Sealey

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Forest City Mo. — Dear Sister Pruitt: 'Tis with pleasure this afternoon that I write to you and send you greetings in the name of our dear Saviour, our best and dearest friend. Today finds me saved, sanctified and kept by power divine. All is well. All heaven invites me on, so forward I go rejoicing, knowing the crown is at the end of the race for the faithful and true.

Since I wrote to you last, we had four weeks of meeting. God wonderfully blessed His Word. Bro. and Sister Strech were with us in the last two weeks of the meeting. God gave us some precious truths through Brother Strech. The Lord has also been blessing in the meeting and Sunday School since then. Also, yesterday afternoon a sister was instantly healed after years of suffering. She had what appeared to be T. B. and a tumor, or she thought it was a tumor. People all around knew of her serious condition. We sure do praise God for her healing. All the glory belongs to Him. Pray earnestly that God will give her faith and courage to resist the enemy and keep the victory over all her afflictions. God has been so good to all the saints every where. He is all in all to those who have forsaken all to follow Him.

Oh, how I enjoyed especially the last "Faith and Victory." Of course, I enjoy them all. I love the things of God above all else. I'm glad to hear of the good meetings where Brother Pruitt is.

Will close with love. Pray for us, and write as the Lord leads.

Your Sister in the Church of God,

— Susie Whipple.

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Salem, Ore. — Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I want to tell you and the dear saints through the paper what the dear Lord has done for me.

The last part of last February I had a bad attack of stomach trouble or gallstones or both. There

were three and one half weeks that I was in constant pain. Then at times I would have such intense pain in my stomach and right side that it seemed I could not stand it, and I couldn't eat without suffering intense pain. I gradually grew worse till the scent of food would make me suffer. The last week I was so weak that when I would get up and dress, I would have to lie down again and rest a while before I could sit up. No one, not even the ones around me, could realize what I suffered. My right side just below the ribs was so sore. I got to the place where I knew I had to have some help or I wouldn't be here much longer, and I knew my family needed me. Nine children from two to twenty-three years of age were all at home, and all needed mother, so I asked husband to write a letter to a very dear Sister in Salem, and one of the boys took it to her and asked her to pray for me. Then he wrote to Bro. H. W. White of Jefferson, Ore., and asked him and his wife to come and pray for me on Saturday, March the 5th. They came and anointed and prayed for me. I had eaten only three times in the last week. After prayer I got up and dressed, and ate some ice cream that they had brought. Ate some dinner, and thank the good Lord, it never caused me any pain. Thank the Lord, I have eaten onions and different things ever since and have not had even a symptom of it since. I hadn't been so I could eat onions only at times for over 20 years. Apples would hurt me also, but thank the good Lord, I eat all I want of anything now. The Lord surely is good to us.

Times are so hard, and at times it seems we need so much with our large family. Then it seems the Lord will open up some way so we can get the things we need.

Early this fall before school started I was badly in need of shoes, and I couldn't see how I could get them. One day I was walking in the yard, and I said, "Lord, you know how I need shoes; make some way, Lord," then I thought no more about it for a few days. Soon afterward husband asked me and the boy if we would like to clean the school house. He said the board had asked him if we would like to do it. I thought of what I had asked the Lord, and I had to thank Him for the work.

To look at things as we see them with our natural eyes, things look dark ahead for this coming winter, but the Lord has promised to give us bread if we will trust Him, and for me I intend to trust Him. I want only what is needful for our bodies while here.

I want all of God's children that read this, to pray earnestly that I make heaven my home at any

cost. My desire is to see all my children saved before it is too late. Not only my children but all that are out of the ark of safety.

Your sister in the narrow way, --Mrs. Walter Busch

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Norwalk, Wis. — Dear ones in Christ, greetings: I feel like writing you this morning telling you of the goodness and mercy of the Lord toward unworthy one. Again the Lord has fulfilled His Word where it says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Lately I was helping dig potatoes and I got blood poison on the last day, Oct. 7th. My hands and arms started to itch first. Soon it spread over my whole body from head to foot, even in my ears, nose and eyes. The first night I could do nothing but scratch nearly all night. During the next day it was not so bad, but when night came, it got much worse than the first night. I had a high fever. My whole body was burning just like on fire. I still could not keep from scratching, being sleepless nearly all night. Then my hands, arms and legs started to swell up. My sisters got in earnest before God and we held on to God from evening until midnight calling upon God for help (as I had my mind made up not to scratch any more), then the Lord would give me some ease and I told my sisters to retire, but soon the burning on my body returned and I kept on walking the floor holding on to God, and so did they until about 5 o'clock. I lay down on a cot, and for one and one half-hours I slept well and sound. That day I had a call to help some one do some work. My sisters thought I could not go, but I said I would go, and so I did, and the whole day I felt just like nothing had happened to me, only the swelling I could see on my hands. By the next morning the good Lord had removed the swelling also. Oh, is not our God to be praised? Surely He is a helper in time of need.

Now dear ones, I request prayer that I may get under the same burden for my eyes which are afflicted. Something is growing over my eyes. Pray the Lord to have mercy upon me and heal them, and my sisters' eyes also. I was anointed and prayed for my eyes at the Springfield, Mo. Camp-meeting and I got some help from the Lord. Praise His name, but I feel I must get under the burden for my eyes to obtain a complete healing, and my sisters' also. So let every true saint of God that reads this request, help hold us up before God to receive the healing touch from our Lord.

Yours in the Lord,

— Fred Stahnke.

Are You Balanced Up?

The apostle Paul says in the first chapter of 2nd Tim. and the seventh verse: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind."

Those who receive the spirit of God have a right to claim and possess fearlessness in pleasing God in all their deeds and words. They are exempt from a slavish dread or fear of God as judge or fear of man or an adversary in any degree that would hinder us from walking with God. The spirit of power given us of God brings with it such a powerful impression of divine truth and heavenly blessings as inspires us with vigor and resolution in all that we are called to do and maintains an influence of Christ in the world which makes known our callings as an ambassador of Him. It gives a spirit of energy in all that concerns the work of God.

The love of God given by the spirit brings into the soul a devout adoration of His excellent majesty and a grateful sense of His daily benefits and powerfully enlarges our zeal in love causing us to do deeds of love to others as God is doing unto us.

The spirit of a sound mind bestowed upon us will cause us to love godly wisdom, prudence and a sober judgment, accompanied with composure and self-command. Godly sense received by heavenly wisdom, a mind free from evil possessions and folly, capable of judging soundly and acting with sobriety.

The spirit "God hath given us" is calculated to support each other and to form by their union a complete and consistent Christian character. The spirit of power without love will harden into austerity; without soundness of mind will be rushing into extravagance. It is quite often you find a preacher who has failed to let the gift of love and mercy develop with the gift of power and He becomes lawified and uses the Word as a club with cruel denunciations and many times twisting the scriptures to suit his own ideas, frightening the sheep and often killing lambs. Keeping up a contention in a congregation, setting a bad example.

The spirit of love exercised without power and clear judgment will deteriorate into a soft, wishy-washy way until it will be hard to tell whether they mean anything, and sin will be shielded and oftentimes petted. Without soundness of mind it will tolerate lusts and selfish qualification and will run into free love, feigning itself as God.

The power of God is the acting hand. The love of God is the feeling heart. The soundness of mind is the directing head.

How often we see one or the other of these gifts fail to operate and it becomes without strength as a limb of your body unused. The minister of God who does not exercise love and mercy with the power of judgment shows a lack of soundness of mind. Love, power and soundness of mind should all be developed equally to make a rounded up, well-balanced minister of the gospel. The minister exercising power without love and mercy will become fanatic, harsh and cruel. The minister without power and clear judgment will become a compromiser with a seared conscience; will go into darkness and how great will be that darkness!

Let us all live in that happy, joyous place where all of the gifts of the spirit given us will be developed equally and then our service will please our heavenly Father who will call us His son or daughter and make us a blessing to many souls.

— Fred Pruitt.

Comforting Each Other

(By John C. Blaney)

I feel like writing a few words of comfort and cheer to the dear saints of God everywhere. We should be intensely interested in each other's eternal welfare as is a natural result of having God become our salvation. In these days when we are surrounded on every side by perils which greatly endanger our soul's welfare, and while we have to contradict error wherever it may be found, it is good for us to comfort one another with "the comfort whereby we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Cor. 1: 4.

It is our privilege to have the tongue of the learned that we may know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. Isa. 50: 4. Dear ones, this gift is worth seeking for and obtaining; for thus saith the Lord: "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how is it!" Prov. 15: 23. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. 25: 11.

When the enemy of our souls is using all his devices to overthrow our faith, or if he sees he cannot accomplish that, he endeavors to hedge up our way so as to hinder us in doing the will of our Master, and opposition and persecution come thick and fast, how good it is to the soul that is so beset with difficulties, to have some brother or sister who is strong in

the Lord and in the power of his might, come to their help and point them to the promise of the eternal God of truth and love, who pledges Himself by his immutable word never to leave nor forsake his faithful children!

How, dear ones, whom God has delivered out of the spiritual confusion of the present age, you who are tempest-tossed and afflicted, be of good courage and listen to the voice of His Word, yea, harken to His voice: "I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou that thou shouldest be afraid of men that shall die; and of the son of man which shall be made as grass?" Isa. 51: 12. What a world of comfort to a soul oppressed with perplexity, and surrounded with difficulties, and persecuted by the world blinded with false teaching and religion based upon sectarian principles, are these words of Him who created us; "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41: 10.

Now, dearly beloved, let us be always where we can comfort each other by having a Bible experience of salvation, and the abiding Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, in us, and by availing ourselves of every opportunity of speaking a word in season to him that is weary.

WHAT CONVINCES THE WORLD

(By W. W. Crist)

"By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Jno. 13: 35.

Now, dear brethren, if this is the great means that God intended to use to prove to the world the great reality found in the all-toning blood of Jesus Christ, let us with one united effort strive together for the faith of the gospel. It means so much to keep in harmony with the divine law of God, and to live in such harmony with each other that we can defeat the enemy on every hand. God help us to realize the great responsibility resting upon us. Thousands of souls are depending on our loyalty to God. Should we go forth one teaching one thing and someone else teaching right to the contrary, how could we expect to convince the world that we have the truth? God help us to have real submission one to another, and pray that we may have much heavenly wisdom, and keep down in the depths of humility before Almighty God, that He can teach us His will.

If there ever was a time that the children of God

needed to do much earnest praying, it is now. Every deception and delusion and accusation and oppression that can be thought of is being tried by the enemy of souls to crush the work of God. But praise God, Jesus is at the helm. Then let us take courage and press the battle to the very gates. Then when our work is finished on this earth, our hands will be clean of the blood of all men. Pray that we may be kept in perfect harmony with the whole will of God.

DEFEATING SATAN

(By V. Crites)

The enemy of all righteousness hates to see God's children knit together in love, and so he tries his best at times to bring in division; and if he can only succeed in getting one stitch broken, he hopes to have the whole thing fall to pieces ere long. Happy is the congregation that understands all his devices for breaking the unity of God's children; or, if this happens, to have wisdom and humility enough to set about mending the rent in time. An old saying will work in this case also: "A stitch in time saves nine"; but when the thing is not attended to properly, we realize that a little leaven soon leavens the whole lump.

Here is a safe rule to go by: "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." But, says one, I just feel as though he will not hear me, and I don't want to go to him alone. Well, it is our duty to do this, and "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, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." (Matt. 18: 15-17).

Then if our brother be overtaken in a fault (not necessarily sin), ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself lest thou be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6: 1), with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4: 2,3).

Again, the command is, "Neither give place to the devil." Oh, how much it means to keep this command among all the little petty annoyances of this life, and not entertain even a thought that satan may pre-

sent amid our greatest conflicts. If we are mistreated by those who should be our best friends, Mr. Hate sometimes steps up and asks for admittance; but he must not enter. "Neither give place to the devil" is the watchword. And, "Love your enemies" is another command: and still another, "Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitfully use you." Matt. 5: 40. Again, if we see some brother or sister being made much of by others, and we ourselves scarcely noticed, and the jealous spirit steps up and wants admission, just say "No" at once and begin to pray God's blessing to come down more freely on the brother or sister, and acknowledge our own unworthiness and mean it right from the depths of our hearts. God's word will be fulfilled wherein it says, "Resist the devil and he will flee." God has his own way of rewarding those who will obey His Word.

If others are called in preference to us to pray for the sick and Satan begins to make suggestions, dismiss him as quickly as possible and pray for the sick one even more fervently than if you were called upon. It is God that must do the healing anyway; and if one of the members be honored it is our duty to rejoice with him and pray God to keep him humble, so that He can use him more to His glory. Again, if people seem inclined to give us the praise for any work done, let us tell them where the praise belongs. If we take the praise ourselves, it may happen to us as it did to Herod who, when he made a speech on a set day, the people said it was the voice of God and not man, and immediately the angel of the Lord smote him because he gave not God the glory; and he was eaten of worms and gave up the ghost. (Acts 12).

"To take no notice of an injury is to be even with our enemy; to forgive it is to be above him. Such a one scores three victories at once --- he conquers himself, his foe and the devil. And if the foe is not turned straitway into a friend he will at least be ashamed as not to invite a repetition of the treatment."

"He is truly contented who desires to have only what God desires for him.

"The contented man has the calm and pleasant feeling that nothing can happen to him which is not in harmony with the will divine. He lets God choose for him; and he firmly believes that only God's choices are coming to pass in the things that meet him.

"If he knows and feels this as he may, nothing can disturb his peace."

"Peace, Be Still"

The boisterous winds have yielded
To His gentle, "Peace, be still";
The days and years obey Him,
The storms fulfill His will.

"Peace, be still" — soul within me
Yearns for solitude and rest,
And the moments spent with Jesus
Are to me the very best.

In the quiet of the evening,
Seek the solitary place to pray,
And we find the tired feelings
Vanish with the light of day.

Now the heat of day is over,
Weary care is laid aside,
And I know God is unchanging;
'Neath His wings I safely hide.

And I have no fear of night time,
For our Lord can safely keep,
And His watchful eye is o'er me,
And in safety I can sleep.

While the storms of life are raging,
In my soul is calm repose,
And in Him my soul has comfort,
For I know the Savior knows.

Beautiful the mystic sweetness
To the soul that's newly born,
And I, too, adore the freshness
Of the sparkling dew at morn.

Day is breaking — o'er the mountains,
And the purple shadows flee,
And as light comes gently stealing,
Dawns sweet thoughts, dear Lord, of thee

And at last in that fair morning,
When life's weary shadows flee,
When the fairer morning dawneth,
I shall dwell, my Lord, with Thee.

When life's boisterous winds have yielded
To that gentle "Peace, be still,"
Then I never more shall wander—
Safe forever — in His will.

-- Goldie Finch.