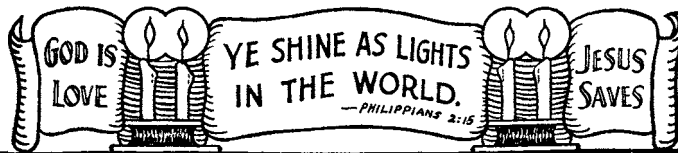


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Why They Compromised

Why did they compromise
And leave the narrow way?
It was only but to travel
With the worldly and the gay.

Why did they leave the teachings
That had for years been taught?
It was not to save the perishing,
But only worldly praise they sought.

Why is it now we hear them say,
"We've been too narrow minded"?
Ah, 'tis very plain to see,
To the truth their eyes are blinded.

Some say they have new light,
And "liberty of conscience" they now teach,
Thus thinking by this teaching,
That the "better class" they'll reach.

With this "new light" that they now have,
The Holy Spirit does not lead,
For everything is left to "conscience;"
That, in the Word they cannot plainly read.

They're using organs in their worship,
Some have a choir to sing;
They advertise their sermons ahead,
Thinking that a larger crowd 'twill bring.

Some are wearing their ties,
Some are wearing their gold;
They have drifted into worldiness,
And their hearts are growing cold.

They wear just what they please,
With conscience as a guide;

They dress just like the world,
For their hearts are filled with pride.

Against the teachings of the past,
Life Insurance is now acceptive;
But since they've compromised the truth,
We know their teachings are deceptive.

Yes, they can wear their ties,
Also their flowers and plumes;
But ah, it's at the judgment
That they'll meet their fatal dooms!

And of these many worldly things,
To which they now consent,
If they ever live with Jesus
I fear they must repent.

For they have departed from the faith,
And with the world they love to revel;
This is why they compromised,
With the world and with the devil.

— E. W. Britt.

Taken from the *Herald Of Truth*, dated April 12, 1916. This Brother saw the compromise spirit then, and the same spirit is working today which he has set forth so clearly in this poem. —Ed.

Stand Fast

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." (Gal. 5: 1). To stand is to remain upright in a moral sense. "Stand fast" means "fixed, unshaken, immovable". We are now in the time of shaking (Heb. 12: 26). Every saint of God should have that experience that will enable him to stand or remain unshaken. "Shake thyself from the dust," (Isa. 52: 2) was spoken to a people who were spiritually sleepy, not standing true to God,

inactive, slothful. Dust settles upon things that just set around. Also the dust or lusts of the world adheres to an inactive Christian, especially in this present evil time when people are "departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." 1 Tim. 4: 1, 2. Then how necessary it is to have on the "whole armor of God that we may be able to stand, and having done all, to stand." That does not mean to do a little or just what one feels like doing, but to do "all" that one knows to do, and all that God shows one to do. When you are perplexed and don't know what to do, "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" (Ex. 14: 13, 14). The Lord shall fight for thee, and you shall hold your peace. "There is a way that seemeth right to man but the end thereof are ways of death." And if there are many ways that seemeth right, then obey the injunction in Jer. 6: 6, "Stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths; where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Some have departed from the faith and are tired of the 'old paths', and will not walk therein. "Also I set watchmen over you, saying, hearken to the sound of the trumpet, but they said, we will not hearken." Jer. 6: 17. Verse 19 reads, "Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people * * * because they have not hearkened unto my words." Jer. 5: 30, 31, therefore "a wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so." No wonder God inquired in Psa. 94: 16, "Who will rise up for me against the evil doers, or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" Jesus said, (Matt. 12: 25) every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. The same is true of the church; if divided, it cannot stand. The devil is doing all he can, as he sees his end is here, to destroy the work of the Lord. He is so subtle. He will get some to take a wrong stand with eyes blinded and conscience seared so that they will not be able to stand, "for the great day of His wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6: 17).

Dear saints of God, if we would make our calling and election sure, we should heed the injunction of the Apostle Paul in Phil. 1: 27, "Stand fast in one spirit with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel, (28) and in nothing terrified by your adversaries."

"Standing on the promises of Christ our king,

Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glorious in the highest, I will shout and sing,
I am standing on the promises of God."

— Mrs. G. E. Harmon.

How To Keep Alive In Christ

In considering the perilous times in which we live when so many are crying, "Lo, here is Christ," or "Lo, there," it behooves each of us to keep hid in the gospel of Christ or to let His Word and Spirit dwell richly in our hearts.

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for *it is the power of God* unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1: 16. If the gospel is the power of God that gives us salvation, then to embrace the gospel and practice the teachings of Christ will show the power of God keeping us.

When the scales fell off from Paul's eyes and he was baptised, the scribe records, "And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God." When Phillip went down to Samaria, it is recorded that "he preached Christ unto them."

Today we preach Christ unto the people as the apostles did because "they that hear (or heed) the voice of the Son of God shall live." Today Christ gives eternal life to those who seek mercy and hear His voice. To hear His voice is the only way to obtain eternal life.

Moses, prophesying concerning Jesus, said, that God's words would be put in His mouth and He would speak unto the people all that God would command Him, and those that would not harken unto the words which He shall speak in God's name, He will require it of him. Deut. 18: 18, 19.

When Jesus took Peter, James and John upon the mount and He was transfigured before them, Peter felt so good that he wanted to make three tabernacles; one for Moses, one for Elias and one for Jesus, but the voice of God spoke out of the cloud and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, Hear ye Him." God gave them to understand that we were not to hear Moses and Elias now, but we were to hear Jesus, His Son in whom He is well pleased. Matt. 17: 5.

Paul said, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Gal. 3: 24. We are not saved by good works, but good works follow genuine faith in God. If we say we have faith in God and do no works that prove it, we do no more than devils, for

they believe that there is one God and tremble. Jas. 2: 19. By diligently living in the spirit and teachings of Christ we prove to all about that we have genuine faith in God.

Those who become careless and indifferent about keeping or practicing the strict teachings of Christ and begin to substitute "liberty of conscience" which will relieve them of the reproach of the cross, are drifting and will go over the "rapids" and lose their souls in the "whirlpool of worldiness" or some other death pool of Satan's.

Those who are letting up on the truth and teaching a "do as you please" doctrine are poisoning the "children's bread." Symbolically speaking, they are gathering "wild goard vines and shredding them into the pot," (mixing error with the truth) and there is "death in the pot." 2 Kings 4: 40.

The only remedy for those who are eating of their pottage is the pure meal, the unadulterated Word of God, as it will kill the poison and bring health to the soul.

Men's consciences should be governed by the teachings of the New Testament and kept tender by obedience to the same. To grow careless about keeping the teachings of Christ will sear the conscience and poison the soul.

Precious souls, these are perilous times and many are perverting the Word of God and leading disciples away after them. Let us hear and heed the voice of the Son of God and keep living.

— Fred Pruitt.

Depression

"Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." 2 Kings 6: 16. (The financial depression is the result of the spiritual depression).

Something like 6,000 years ago they had a depression. What was the cause? The people as a whole had rejected the Lord just as they have now. We are living in perilous times, but it will get worse if people do not repent from the bottom of their heart. The King at that time rent his clothes, because mothers cooked and ate their children. Terrible you say, but not as bad as the way people trample on the blood of the Savior. Thank God, there was at that time a prophet in Israel (Elisha) who dared to stand alone. God honored his faith, and the God of Elisha is just the same today.

Disobedience and pride are the principal sins

which have brought on this depression. When wages were good, extravagance had full sway. The lust of the eye in following the fashion had plenty to feast upon, encouraging the lusts of the flesh. Every law of God given for the good and comfort of man is disregarded. Church-members, as a rule, take the lead. (There are possibly exceptions. I am writing from general observation). This spirit of rebellion is destructive to society from every standpoint. One loving mother took her daughter back to her home after the daughter was left friendless and homeless following a marriage disapproved by the mother. After the daughter was again restored to health, she again became stubborn. The mother gently reminded her of the past. The answer was, "Why don't you let me die?" This awful spirit of unthankfulness and hatred for the law and grace of God is what causes conditions to be as they are.

After people have past their usefulness from a material standpoint they are not wanted, while the Word of God tells us we should honor the aged. How necessary to pray without ceasing and to be wholly the Lord's, so as to be dependable at all times. We have to pray that our eyes may be opened so we can see the host ready to defend those who are in the race to go all the way with the Lord in the narrow, despised way. Thank God, no ravenous beast is permitted to travel on this narrow highway, while bears are commanded to devour the mockers.

Over in Russia where the Word is precious a laborer, who did not take part in their ungodly spree, was asked how he could be so contented. He answered, "I belong to Jesus." In his quiet way his life preached sermons. It seems that is the best way in some places to preach as there are so many hypocrites and 'filthy lucre' advocates.

Glory to God. Fear not; He that is for us is mightier than all the demon-powers combined. *Amen.*

— Marie Pauline Sass.

The Church of God

The Church of God is a spiritual institution. It is composed of believers in Christ. It is only one body in Him. Beware of imitations. Foxfire can not shine in the light but it shines in the dark and the darker the better it shines. Some folks preach much about the Church of God, and give many texts of scriptures, by which they draw a beautiful picture of the Church which Jesus built, but none belong to it only those who are saved from their sins. If Jesus

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Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. Read Exodus 25: 2; 1Chronicles 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth not."



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EDITORIALS

Jesus gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2: 14. God's blood-washed folks are very peculiar to the world and to carnal-minded professors, as they "walk by faith and not by sight." 2 Cor. 5: 7.

As we were walking by a large church building the other day we saw the picture of a man and these words, "We walk by faith where we cannot see." In meditating over this motto and over the condition of all the faithless, worldly churches we came to the conclusion that the motto, in order to convey true conditions to the minds of the people, should have read, "We walk by sight because we have no faith."

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Professing to have faith in God and having true faith is two different things. "Faith without works is dead, being alone." Jesus says, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood ye have no life in you." John 6: 53.

"The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life." John 6: 63. Folks who run for the doctors and medicines when sick, instead of obeying the words found in James 5: 14-15, and those who are taking pains to secure themselves in an earthly sense, trusting in the arm of flesh, are not showing faith in God. They are not eating His flesh and drinking His blood. By their mouth they claim to have faith in God and by their acts they deny Him. Such is a dead faith.

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God has always been displeased with men who would not show faith in Him. When Israel would not cross over Jordan because they feared the giants, God was displeased with them and let them wander in the wilderness until they all died. At other times they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. Psa. 74: 41. Many other things they did, showing no faith in God, and when God saw this He was wroth and greatly abhorred Israel Psa. 78: 59.

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We will now give you some scriptures that teach real faith in God. A man is justified by *faith*. "Therefore being justified by *faith*, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5: 1. "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by *faith*." Acts 15: 9. "That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by *faith* that is in

me." Acts 26: 18. "By whom also we have access by *faith* into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5: 2. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I: but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2: 20. "For ye all are the children of God by *faith* in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3: 26. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by *faith*." Eph. 3: 17. "The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with *faith* in them that heard it." Heb. 4: 2. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the *faith*; prove your own selves." 2 Cor. 13: 5. "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in Spirit, in *faith*, in purity." 1 Tim. 4: 12.

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The meeting at Whittier, Cal. lasted three weeks and a half. The Lord gave messages night after night and the saints were much encouraged and edified. Many messages were given on sanctification or the baptism of the Spirit, and a number were seeking the Lord for the Comforter, the promise of the Father. They were satisfied from heaven by the coming of His Spirit. Several others were saved; a number of bodies were healed. The saints were made to rejoice greatly time and again.

We expect to begin a meeting at Glendale, Cal. on the 17th to run as long as the Lord wills. We were never so encouraged as now to live in the truth of the Bible and to keep separated in spirit and appearance from the world. People never get closer to God by yielding to the world and its ways, and putting their trust in earthly things. Such yielding only blinds them spiritually and, like Samson, they grind (labor) for the enemy. Satan has more religious people in the world than Christ because he has so many subjects. Many who once knew the Lord have degenerated into a strange vine unto the Lord; others have backslid in heart and are filled with their own ways. (Prov. 14: 12). This causes great confusion, heartaches and much grief, as they lead disciples astray, for many seem to be more attached to men than God.

Jesus says, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." It is not hard for those who are walking in the brightness of the light of heaven to see and know that there are only a few on the narrow way. The tenth verse of the twelveth chapter of Daniel gives us some light on this subject, "Many shall be purified and made white, and tried: but the wicked shall do

wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise (elect) shall understand."

We believe the time is soon at hand when God is going to clear out a lot of rubbish and burn it with fire (Holy Ghost fire). John says, "The ax is laid to the root of the trees and every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." The Word of God is the ax and the Holy Ghost is the fire. The Word is the sword of the Spirit, and it is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

There are some preachers who want to use the sword like Peter did, when he cut off the servant's ear. They want to fight carnally. Jesus tells such to "put up thy sword." The Word is the sword of the Spirit of God, and not of some man's fleshly, carnal thoughts. Therefore, the Word is to be given by the Spirit of God operating in and through His truly sanctified ministers. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal."

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We are commanded to "grow in grace and in the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ." There is no better way to grow than to eat the Word of God. Eating it means receiving it and practicing it. Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." The only safe place for any soul is to be not of the world even as Jesus was not of the world. Walk in His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; when He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously.

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Remember always that whenever you move or change your address, you will favor us by mailing us a card stating both your old and new address. Every time you change your address and do not inform us, the Postoffice Department charges us two cents for such information through them.

Preparations are now being made by the saints

for the camp-meetings which are held regularly in several localities. In making preparations for a successful camp-meeting, the phase of advertising should not be overlooked. The people in the community of the camp-meeting should know when and where it begins, so that they may come at the first and attend it all. Sometimes folks just hear of the meeting when it is about over.

To aid you in advertising your meeting, we are making a special low price for printing hand bills. Six hundred (600) bills will be postpaid to you for \$2.25. A few card-board bills will be included in this number for tacking up in public places if desired. This amount may be paid from the offerings received during the meeting. Prices on smaller quantities will be quoted if requested. Send a copy of the notice and let us co-operate with you during this camp-meeting season in reaping a great harvest of souls.

Camp - Meeting Notices

The Missouri State Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at corner of Fort and State streets, Springfield, Missouri, August 17th to 27th.

This is an old-time Camp-meeting and we are expecting a real feast in Zion. We invite all the saints everywhere to come; every one needing help in their souls come and receive the help you need.

We are expecting old-time able ministers here to preach the Word in its fulness.

As all know it is necessary to have provisions to carry on a camp meeting and as this meeting is centrally located all the saints should be interested in helping to provide for it — groceries, fruit, vegetables or money, or anything that can be used in a camp-meeting.

This meeting will be run on a free-will offering plan. Let each one look to the Lord to see what He would have them do.

Everybody welcome; come and bring your quilts, pillows, and straw ticks. Straw will be furnished free on ground.

For further information write H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Ave., or E. D. Gibson, 717 S. Lexington Ave., Springfield, Missouri. — 'Phone 5538.

— Lucy V. Anderson — Pastor.

Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Blackford, Ky., August 17 to 27. Blackford is on the I. C. R. R., 30 miles north of Princeton, Ky., and 63 miles south of Evansville, Ind. and a-

bout 1 mile from U. S. highway No. 60.

We extend an invitation to all, both saint and sinner to come to this meeting and hear the *old-time* truth of the evening light reformation preached in its fulness. The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings.

Those coming to stay on the grounds bring quilts and bedding to care for yourselves. Straw will be furnished free.

Any desiring to donate anything to the support of this meeting, may do so and it will be thankfully received.

For further information regarding the particulars of the meeting, address Thos. A. Bean
Blackford, Ky.

The camp-meeting at Neosho, Missouri will begin July 6th and continue ten days. We are expecting the usual feast from heaven, and extend an invitation to all. Please bring bedding, straw ticks and covers. Any one having tents, please bring them. The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. No charges are made for meals or beds. Do what the Lord leads you to do.

No troubles will be either considered or dealt with at this meeting. Compromisers and fanatics may expect to sit and listen. Courtesy to all but respect to none. There will be balanced ministers here to preach the Word of God clear and clean.

— John Streech, Pastor

(Other camp-meeting notices will appear in the next issue; watch for them).

CORRESPONDENCE

Alma, Mich.— Dear Sister Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: Greetings to all God's children whom I know and love, and are standing steadfast in the truth. I have been thinking of writing for a long time and so decided I should hold my peace no longer. Today finds that "river of peace" flowing deep in my soul. Glad to say Jesus is my Saviour, Sanctifier and healer. He alone is the evidence of things not seen. He answers our heart and encourages faith to say, "Come what may, I will be true to Jesus."

I have read and re-read May *Faith and Victory*, and thank God for its encouraging messages. As to Sister Anderson's article, "Changes in a Reformation," it just fits me exactly. I can say amen to that, for it's the truth. Oh may we be careful and not allow anything in our lives that will separate

and divide and eventually cool off that fervent love for another which Christ has planted within. May we not be as a reed shaken in the wind and tossed about by every wind of personality, but may we each one stand steadfast in the truth which the Holy spirit has revealed to our hearts. I believe deception is on the increase. Men and devils continually roam about, not only as a roaring lion seeking whom they may devour, but in these days, more cunning still, they go about as angels of light, seeking whom they may deceive. And may we be as the Scripture has warned us, "As wise as serpents and harmless as doves." May we keep filled with the love of God so there will be no room in our hearts for worldliness of any kind or degree.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." This scripture does not refer to the ordinance of footwashing alone, but all the precious will of God along every line, whether it be the truth on dress, the truth regarding life insurance or the truth on race prejudice. As light comes to us and we walk in that light, we will be happy, but if we refuse and confuse, soon the truth will begin to grow dim and our poor soul will be left outside God's great sheep-fold. Dear ones, may God help us to settle these problems as for eternity so that His Church may go forward in the power of the Spirit as in the morning time of this gospel dispensation, when mighty miracles were done because there was love and unity in the camp, and they all "saw eye to eye and spoke the same thing," meaning, of course, they preached the same doctrine.

Dear Grandma Spradling has gone Home at last. How you all will miss her there at Guthrie! I remember once when I was at her home my dress was not up to the Bible standard, and she so lovingly admonished me for wearing it. I thanked her for it, for who could resist such love! I am glad she did not try to cover up my sin with a false charity which we hear so much about, but reproved me in the spirit and love of Jesus.

May the Lord continue His blessings upon you all there at the office, and direct and inspire for the coming publications of *Faith and Victory*, is my frequent prayer. Yours, for the Narrow Way,

— HAZEL MANN.

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Natchitoches, La. — Dear Sister: Holy greetings of Christian love to you and all workers at the printing office. This evening finds me truly saved and willing to spend and be spent for our blessed Saviour. Praise His name. I know that the end

will be eternal life. I have a deeper determination to press through.

I received the new tracts which my soul certainly feasted upon. I am thanking the Lord for the wonderful truth going forth. Every time I get one, it is just what I need at that time. I read and others read and enjoyed them.

Continue to pray for me that I may be more like Jesus. If ever there is a time when we need to be true to ourselves is right now. Remember this is the only place we have to prepare for eternity. Jesus is our wonderful King who is reigning in my soul this evening. Pray that I might keep that Spirit of prayer that I may keep prepared in these evil days, for truly the days are evil. He said He was coming as a thief in the night. It surely pays us to watch.

Yours, set apart for the Master,

— Sidonia Benjamin.

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Christ had not built the Church of God and purchased it with His own blood there never could have been a counterfeit. This Church is real; it is perfect, it is complete, but the picture is not the real. It has no spiritual life in it.

Take, for instance, a man. He is a real human being. He has real life in him. You can handle him and see there is real life in him. But not so with his picture, though it may look so much like the man that many say it is the man, but when you approach it and handle it, you will see there is no life in it. It is a dead lifeless form without the Spirit. But some claim it looks like him. It looks so real that it must be the man. But it is not the man. Just so it is with the picture of the Church. Where there is a spiritual congregation gathered together for worship, there you can assemble with the Church of God. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." So there will be three or four in this service, and as many more as may receive Him. Jesus said, "I am *the* way," not *a* way, but *the* way. The Apostle Peter said, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The Church is one name, and in one accord. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication (Acts 1: 14). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." (Acts 2: 1). "And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple." (Ver. 46). "But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of

Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." Eph 2: 13, 14.

— F. M. Fowler

SAINTS

To some the very sight of the word "saint" has an abhorrence, and not understanding the Biblical meaning of its significance, vainly put it away as something or someone far beyond this life. But when we consider that it has its origin in the world and that the Bible bears us out in using the term, we feel we only count it a privilege to lighten some darkened hearts by telling them how the blood of Christ will translate from a sinner to a saint. It is not to transfer, but to translate us as Paul speaks. To "transfer" means simply to convey from one locality to another. Perhaps "translate" has a similar meaning, yet we gather the thought of the form being changed and carried across, as in translating a word from one language to another.

We notice that in the Word of God this name is applied to God's children, not only since Christ's coming, but even before, we find those who obeyed God were called holy; not in the sense as Christ makes us holy, but in the idea of obedience to certain laws. The Psalmist so often speaks of God's saints (children). *Psa. 16: 2-3.* "Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; but to the saints that are in the earth," etc. Also *Psa. 37: 28; 97: 10; 116: 15 and 149: 9.* "Saint" means a holy person; one made free from all sin; one eminent for piety or virtue. From this definition we readily see why people do not believe there are saints on the earth; they do not understand that Jesus came to free us from sin, making us holy in His sight.

By a few texts of Scripture, you will perhaps acknowledge that there were saints on earth in the apostles' time. Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth, said, "Unto the saints . . . to men that are sanctified." In 1 Cor. 6: 1 he advises concerning taking matters before the saints for decision, and not before the law. Eph. 2: 19 reads: "We are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God." See Eph. 5: 3; 3: 8; 1 Tim. 5: 10; Jude 3; Rev. 5: 8 & 8: 3-5, refer to the prayers of saints. There are many other places in the Word where it speaks of God's children as saints.

Therefore there were saints in days of old and

they were referred to as those redeemed by the blood of Christ, so if there is still efficacy in the blood to save from sin, there are saints in the earth yet; and they are those who are redeemed, having on the clean, white "garments of salvation, which is the righteousness of saints."

We find many who accept the name of Christian, and true, God's children were called Christians first at Antioch, but they fail to comprehend that "Christian" has the same meaning as "saint," when rightly defined. To analyze the word, we understand its derivation comes from the Latin "Christianus," referring to Christ, Messiah; then adding the suffix "ian" to Christ, which means like, or having the qualities of, its meaning is plainly defined "one who is like or having the qualities of Christ." However, it has through usage gathered a broader sense, as now people think it includes all those who belong to some organization (sect).

Thank God, we can have the privilege of being called saints of the living God, and not as some say, "Latter day saints," for such is not the name applied to the members of God's church, but are saints living in the last days of time. True, such is comprehended in one's being worthy of such a title — to be free from all actual sins, holy in thought, word, action and even motives; but as we remember it cost the precious blood of Jesus, surely it is not too high a calling, and it remains for us to walk worthy of the vocation.

— C. Heald

FEELINGS

The word, "feelings" is a very familiar term, and especially is it so with those who in their Christian life are "going by their feelings," instead of by faith. It seems that some people have a great deal of trouble with their feelings. Sometimes they may be on the mountain-top while at other times they are down in the valley. Those who try to serve God by their feelings, sometimes get into tight places and have an unpleasant time of it. Such persons have still to learn the all-important lesson that 'the righteous shall live by faith,' no mention being made in the Word of God about living by feelings. The Lord would, no doubt, have left us some record on the subject if He expected us to go by feelings. Moreover, if we go by our feelings, where would our faith be? How much faith would we be exercising? We are told to fight the good fight of faith. If we are judging our relationship to God by our feelings, we are not fighting

the good fight of faith, though we may have some faith mixed with our feelings. The more we go by our feelings, the more faith is crowded out; but when we ignore feelings, the greater the fight of faith. Also if we always had nothing but good feelings, it seems to me that it would not be so much of a fight of faith. On the other hand, if our feelings are just as we should like them to be, and feel sorely tried and assaulted by the enemy, and things all around us look dark and discouraging, and different unpleasant feelings that seem so real, bear against our souls, it is then that we have a chance to fight the good fight of faith.

People in their past lives may have indulged in different things, such as secret pride, feeling proud within themselves over some flattering remark made to them by another, but praise God, the blood cleanses the nature of that out of the heart when one gets sanctified. After being sanctified and the heart is made pure, it is possible for the enemy to bring such a feeling of secret pride, or any other feelings against one, as if the carnal nature were still there, and may, on account of their appearing so real, cause one considerable anxiety concerning one's sanctification. But if we know, without a shadow of a doubt, that we were sanctified and have not sinned since, it is our duty to resist the enemy, fight the good fight of faith, and submit all into the hands of the Lord, otherwise we are liable to have trouble and confusion. The enemy is so cute and knows his business so very well, that it requires on our part a close walk with God, if we wish to soar above all the feelings that may come up against us. In 2 Cor. 2: 11, we have it, "For we are not ignorant of his devices." The Holy Spirit will teach and help us to discern the tricks of the enemy but let us not forget to give Him the chance to do so.

There are times, when sorely tempted, that we feel heavy, and as far as good feelings are concerned, have no signs of any. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptation: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1: 6, 7. This ought to be an encouragement to precious souls who are right in the sight of God, but those who are feeling heavy under a burden of sin need to have the blood applied to their hearts; and, moreover, these verses were not written for such ones, but for those whose sins have been washed away. Praise God. We have good feelings too, and may the Lord help us to

serve him as faithfully when we do not feel so good as at other times. The best feeling to have is to feel right before God, to have a real consciousness within us that we have been born again of the Spirit. There are, no doubt, souls who think, say or try to make themselves feel that they are right in the sight of God, who do not have salvation, but merely an empty profession, and who go on under a cloak of deception. They expect to go to heaven. Meanwhile, they have good feelings, and may appear spiritual, and yet not have the grace of God in their hearts. The devil has so deceived them and made them feel as if they were all right.

It is plainly to be seen that feelings are not always reliable, and that they may cause us much worry and trouble if we look to them for our standing before God. But we are to live "by faith", and the more we go by feelings the less faith we exercise. Feelings fluctuate. Some times we may feel real good and at other times not so good. How precious it is to know deep down in our souls, and to be conscious of the fact, that we are right in the eyes of God, regardless of the different feelings that may be brought to bear against our souls. "Fight the good fight of faith." 1 Tim. 6: 12. "The just shall live by faith." Rom. 1: 17. — C. E. Hunnex

CHRISTIANITY OR CIVILIZATION, WHICH?

The popular religion of this age restrains, refines and gives to society a higher grade of civilization, but lacks in the grand fundamental elements of New Testament religion; hence fails to secure the great end which Christianity was designed to accomplish—THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL. It dazzles but to blind, it promises but to deceive; its false prophets perfume sin with vain philosophy till iniquity is wrapt in voluptuous draperies, wreathed in fascinating beauty, charming to the ear, bewitching to the eye, and suited to all the carnal senses and appetites of the natural man, crowning sin with the richest garlands of a fallen world, till they easily and most diabolically *lead the millions off to hell!* — Sel.

PRAYER REQUEST

Dear Saints: I ask each one of you to pray for my healing. I have severe headaches and my stomach hurts me badly. It causes great pain sometimes to eat. I suffer in many ways, but my trust is in God. I expect to trust Him for soul and body as long as I live. All please pray for me.

Your Sister,

— Becky Brown

« Young People's Section »

The Best

I know God's ways are always best,
His promises are sure,
And if we trust in the arm of flesh
We are most insecure.

And in some time of sorrow
When we are sadly bowed,
Just pray and please remember,
Though dark may be the cloud,
Some time the sun will shine again,
And we will see 'twas best
How God sent fire to try us,
And how our souls are blest.

O yes, we would choose the roses,
But wish to shun the thorns,
And if some things don't please us,
We murmur, pine and mourn
When we should look to God on high,
And know the God above
Sends down the things that's best for all,
And never doubt His love.

— Goldie Finch.

EDITORIALS

On April 30th the saints at Guthrie and some from Oklahoma City enjoyed an all-day meeting here at the Chapel. The Lord certainly blessed and fed His people on His Word through His servant, Bro. John Strech of Neosho, Mo., who also held a few nights' meeting previous to this date. In the afternoon the saints joyfully observed the ordinance of feet-washing and partook of the Lord's supper in obedience to the New Testament. Jesus says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them."

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Salvation sets a person free from sin. His past life of sin is forgiven and blotted out through Christ's atonement. Salvation also protects and keeps us from the sins which we might have gotten into. Then, is it not logical to conclude that if there is one person more than another who has derived more benefit from salvation, it is the young saved person? He has more reason to be thankful, because he has been

delivered, no doubt, from a long lifetime in sin. It is not true that people must go deep in sin before they can enjoy salvation. The one who is saved while young before going deep in sin can rejoice when he looks forward and sees the sins he was saved from committing. Yet the person who gets salvation when old can look back with a happy heart when they see that long black record of sins forgiven and under the Blood. Again, when we contrast ourselves with those who are living in sin, we can more appreciate this great salvation.

Here is another advantage to the person who is saved while young. When an old man gets saved after living many years in sin, it is indeed wonderful, but there is one thing that he is not delivered from, and that is *regret* for his past life of sin. He realizes that he has only one life to live here, and that he has wasted most of it. How sad! The young saved person is free from this regret, and at the close of life, instead of regret, he can glance back over the years with pleasure, knowing that he has been faithful to his Creator.

Dear reader, can you not see how much more advantageous and blessed it is to get salvation in your youth? Remember, those advantages will lessen as you grow older. The Bible says, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth ***." The writer, no doubt, was thinking of these facts when he gave this advice. Heed the invitation before the evil days come upon you.

— L. D. P.

An Exhortation

"Young people, we have met today.
It is to sing, to preach and pray.
It is our Father's great command
That we should join at His right hand.

"The blooming youth all in his prime
Is counting up his inch of time.
He oftentimes says 'tis his intent,
When he gets old he will repent.

"The aged sinner seldom turns his heart,
So hard he cannot mourn.
Much harder than a flinty rock.
It will not yield though Jesus knocks.

"Think, oh my soul, the awful state
Of those who stay away too late.
The foolish virgins did begin to knock,
But could not enter in.

"Oh parents, take a solemn view
Of those dear children reared by you.
I think I've heard some children say,
They never heard their parents pray.

"Oh parents, you will tremble there,
Who rear your children without prayer.
How can you bear to hear them cry,
And blame you with their misery?

"Good Lord, what bitter groans and cries,
Like thunder roaring through the skies!
Poor sinners sinking in despair,
While Christians shouting thru the air."

Dear young people, take warning, repent and turn to God when He calls you. Do not wait, do not harden your hearts, get right with God. He will keep you out of the troubles and sins that Satan will force you into as long as you are in his service. If you are already in trouble, come to Jesus. He will help you out. No trouble too great, or heart too broken for Jesus to heal.

Many are reared in homes of sin, and it is sad, but many never heard their parents pray. Dear ones, if your parents have not led you aright, get right with God and look to Him that you may be able to lead them. If you are persecuted, look to Jesus and remember we will never have more than we can bear. (1 Cor. 10: 13).

This song should be a warning to parents also, that they may turn to God and pray and teach their children the way of eternal life. We find many who seem to take no thought for the soul's welfare of their children. They work and plan to educate them or fit them to get along in this world, but neglect the most important thing—the soul. It is their duty toward their children to teach them right.

Some dear young people are blessed with good homes, good parents who have heard and known the truth, have opportunity to go to church and Sunday School with good Christian influence, yet they are listening to the enemy of their souls and going after the sinful things of the world, neglecting their soul's salvation, grieving the hearts of their dear ones, the saints and the great heart of God. How awful, dear ones, it would be if God should call you! Where would you be if Jesus should call? Wake up before

too late! Those who have had good homes, it seems, do not realize as they should how much they have to be thankful for. You surely have much to thank God for, and should give Him your heart and praise Him all your days. Many dear boys and girls have no home, and many have homes where there is sin and evil—many to lead them wrong and no one to teach them right. Many fall into sin, and many are forced into sin and are down-hearted and sad. Kind words and encouragement from a child of God is a great help.

Dear young people who are saved, there are many opportunities of doing good to others. Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Be a friend to those who seem so friendless and the Lord will reward you. We know He is a friend to all, and we must be also to be like Him.

May God bless each reader, saved and unsaved, is the desire of my heart. Dear saved ones, pray for me. Dear unsaved, come to Christ; He will heal your broken heart and set you free (Luke 4: 18).

A Sister,

— Miss Becky Brown

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Satan Seeks To Devour

I have felt led for some time to write to the Young People of the "*Faith and Victory*", giving both warning and encouragement as I find the enemy of our souls ever seeking whom he may devour. We find the devil very sly about his seeking and he will try his very best. If he can not get the poor soul one way, he will try in another, and if he fails then he will not quit, but just keep seeking how and whom he may devour. Jesus says, watch and pray, lest ye fall into temptation. Truly it behooves us to do so. Even as the song says,

"Watch and pray, the tempter may be near us.

Keep the heart with jealous care.

Lest the door a moment left unguarded,

Evil thoughts may enter there."

Now, I feel, we as young people, can help one another, warn and encourage, and by this we will show forth our love one to another. We must do this. We must love and pray for each other, lest we faint by the way in these perilous times. My heart's desire is, that the Lord may give me holy wisdom in writing this in such a way that none of my dear brothers or sisters in Christ would get discouraged or accused, as we must bring out some of the enemy's sly points. We must do this in order to help keep

our brother and sister out of the snares of the devil, and also to help others out of them. The devil has caught many souls in his traps, until we cannot afford to keep still any longer. We must help our fallen brother, lift him gently by the hand. This is our very aim when we put out the truth so simple and plain. We cannot bring out every point of how the enemy of our souls seeks to devour, as it would take too much space. But this I must say: We must live by the Bible, keep our eyes, heart, and mind open to it, for it is the only way built from earth to glory. The devil has so many people deceived in causing them to think that this or that way is right, or any way is alright, just so you live right according to their notions and ideas. Others see the only true Bible way and claim they are in it, but will not live it. They think they are alright any way, and hardly any man can teach or help them, for they think they are alright. Poor souls. Others there are who are humbly walking the strait and narrow way with all sincerity, ever ready to learn, take reproof and correction. They are most willing to acknowledge that they do not know it all yet, and oftentimes false accusers will come and ask them to submit and take their advice, etc. If you do not do it, they will accuse you as high-minded and not fit subject to work in God's vineyard. But on the other hand, if you take their advice they are very likely to lure the dear honest soul away from the strait and narrow way. Then the poor soul becomes discouraged and doesn't know what to do. The next thing our friend whom we trusted proves untrue. They also turn a cold shoulder, often when we have done nothing but the right. Oh, dear friends, these things ought not so to be. But, let us help our fallen brother, lift him gently by the hand, speaking words of cheer and comfort, point him to a better land.

My prayer is that God may bless each of our souls, and may we take the blessed old Bible to live by it, asking God to grant us holy wisdom and a full understanding of it, and then **STAND** on the Word of God unmovable, fastened to the Rock, so that no wind or persecution will be able to overthrow us until Jesus comes.

— Carolina Eck-Christman.

“Seek Ye First”

“Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin.” If God takes care of the lilies and clothes the field why should we fret and worry

although the weather is dry and prices go down. In the Bible we have so many precious promises. “Behold the fowls of the air for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?”

Let us keep heaven in view and always seek first the kingdom of God. Some may ask, “How can I seek the kingdom of God?” When you arise in the morning, think first of the goodness of God, thank Him for His mercy in keeping you through the night, ask Him to keep you from all evil through the day, see if you can do something for the Lord, meditate on heavenly things, visit the sick, go to church and take time for worship. The more we do for Jesus the happier we are. Encourage the weak, write letters to friends as the Lord leads. Tell others of the wonderful love of God.

In the past I have gotten up, started my work, planning more work while working, but not taking time for the Lord. When bedtime came, I was tired and unhappy, thinking what if the Savior should come, for I have done nothing for Him to-day. I was unhappy because I did not seek first the kingdom of God.

Do not have your heart on things pertaining to this world, “but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. He that walketh righteously shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his water shall be sure.” (Isa. 33: 16).

— Selma Hiebert

THE BELIEVER'S TASK

The Story's old, and yet

It's ever new.

And those who will believe

Are still so few,

(How pitiful the thought,

But oh, how true!)

But we should ever tell

And tell again

How Jesus died to save,

And telling, then

Expect the few to come.

All won't receive,

Yet by “foolishness of preaching”

Some will believe.

— Don Moon.

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We are not to be contentious, but we are to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. It is noble, manly, righteous, and Christlike to contend for pure gospel standards.

To lower the standard of truth, and allow distrust and worldliness into the Church is ignoble, unmanly, unrighteous and unChristlike. For us to believe that certain practices is a distrust in God and below the gospel standard, and yet give support to those who are engaging in those distrustful practices is cowardly and compromising. It is trying to serve God and mammon. It is trying to hold on to the Church of God with one hand and a compromising element with the other.

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When people get their minds on having a big work, they are sure to make compromises that they might gain it. Instead of keeping their little corner clean they seek to broaden out and the result is they have nothing clean. It is not our calling to do a big work, but a clean work. Some folks are set on having a big work if they have to seek the help of all manner of sectarians to get it done.

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It is not Christlike to oppose people, but it is Christlike to contend for pure gospel standards. Sometimes in contending for the faith it is necessary to personate. We have a letter before us in which the writer says he is criticised because he named a man who is shamefully lowering the standard of truth. Paul named Peter when he compromised the truth. He also named Demus when Demus began to love this present world. It is not that we wish to cast reflection on any person, but it is sometimes necessary to name a compromiser that his soul-destroying compromising may lose its deadening influence.

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We are beginning a series of articles on the subject, *«The Rule Of A Saintly Life»*. It may appear to some that a few of our statements are rather

compromising. Do not be hasty to form such a conclusion, but read the articles to the close. Much harm has been done in all the reformations of the past century by some who attempt to bind on all others what they said that God showed them. Martha was a Christian woman, and loved her Lord, but she was incapable of entering into that deeper life with her sister, Mary, and neither Jesus nor Mary required it of her. Mary never attempted to bind on Martha the life she lived. No doubt her soul often longed to help Mary into that deeper life, but Martha never did attain it. We will make these things clear in our following articles, the Lord helping.

Temptation

Temptations are influences from without appealing to our thoughts, our passions, our tempers to induce our wills to violate God's law for some self-gratification. The power of a temptation lies in its attractiveness. It holds out a fascinating reward, a seeming good. A mother forbids her child to take an apple from the dish during her absence. The child is tempted to take the apple though the thought of the pleasantness of its taste. If the appeal to her appetite is stronger than her love of obedience, or fear of punishment she will probably yield to the temptation. There is a subtle power in temptation which causes the one being tempted to forget or unheed the results. They deaden ones feelings so they can not feel the terribleness of the results. A young man is tempted to steal. In looking at the reward he will get for the stealing he loses conception of the consequences.

Will we ever cease to be tempted? Not while in this life. You may defeat temptation a thousand times and yet it is not discouraged to the extent that it will never make another attempt. It may cause it to come in another form, but it will come. They will follow you to the last mile of the way. There is no way of escaping them. You may escape each temptation as they come, but others will come. You should not desire to escape them. You may wonder why, because there is good to be derived from overcoming them. God does not tempt you, but He does allow you to be tempted. He does not allow you to be tempted that you might be overcome by the temptation, but that you might grow stronger by overcoming the temptation. The stronger the temptation the stronger you will be made by overcoming it. The power of temptation overcome is the measure of your spiritual strength.

The Christian life is a warfare. There is many a conflict on the battlefield of the soul. You can always win. You may not always win, but should you some times lose, this should by no means drive you from the field. However holy you may be you will be tempted. Jesus was tempted. The holier you are the more likely you will be to overcome. The more attractive God and holy things are to your soul the more likely you are to not be overcome by the attractions held by the temptation. Seeing the goodness and beauty of God makes us strong in life's battles.

BIBLE READING

(Col. 3: 1-4)

I. The Resurrected Soul. "If ye be risen with Christ." Verse 1.

- (1). The first resurrection. Rev. 20: 5.
- (2). Born again. John 3: 5, 7.
- (3). Converted. Matt. 18: 3.
- (4). Passed from death unto life. John 5: 24.
- (5). Justified. Rom. 5: 1.
- (6). A new creature. 2 Cor. 5: 17.
- (7). Translated. Col. 1: 13.

II. The Aspiration of the Resurrected Soul. Ver. 1, 2.

- (1). Things above.
- (2). Things where Christ sits.
- (3). Affections on things above.
- (4). Not on earthly things.

III. The State of the Resurrected Soul. "For ye are dead." Ver. 3.

- (1). Crucified to the world. Gal. 6: 14.
- (2). Crucified with Christ. Gal. 2: 20
- (3). Loving not the world nor the things in it. 1 John 2: 15.

IV. The Future Glory of the Resurrected Soul. Ver. 4.

- (1). Romans 8: 17, 18.
- (2). Our body fashioned like unto His glorious body. Phil. 3: 21.
- (3). We shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3: 2.
- (4). Introduced into His glorious presence. Jude 24.

The Rule of a Saintly Life

(Article One)

What is the rule for saintly living? Many are ready to answer, "The word of God." But does the Word of God answer every question in life? Not long since we were asked a number of questions. One was,

"Is it wrong to use perfumes?" A second was, "Is it wrong to have the collar and cuffs of a dress of a different color from the dress?" A third question was, "Is it wrong to chew gum?" Now where in the Bible can I find Scripture texts to answer these questions? I could give reasonings, and I could tell what I believed, and what God had showed me, but this is not God's Word. The one that asked, if it was wrong to wear a dress with the collar and cuffs of a different color from the dress, also asked, "Why did God make the rainbow of seven different colors?" Now I could tell you why God made the rainbow of seven different colors, but I do not have the space here.

The question now arises, "Can I lay down a rule to govern the life of another in all its details?" Some preachers have attempted to do this, and have caused endless trouble. Between God and each life there are some secret things in which He would have no other to meddle. As a child of God it is your privilege to know how God wants you to live in those things that belong to your own private life. I will give you a text of scripture to prove this to be true. "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you." 1 John 2: 27. These words mean just what they say. This text does not admit of a certain independency, and yet they do grant a certain independency. It is for us to know which independency is right and which is wrong. Let me give another text, "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." Eph. 5: 10. The children of light are not to prove what is acceptable unto God in your life, but in our own. The twentieth century translation renders this text in these words, "Always trying to find out what is pleasing to the Lord." Weymouth says, "learn in your own experiences what is fully pleasing to the Lord." What I learn in my experiences that is pleasing or displeasing to the Lord is a rule for my life and not for yours. It is a mistake to try to bind on all others what you have learned that pleases God in your life. Some of you would live a great deal differently if I should require you to live to all that God has shown me. Forty-three years ago I learned by experience that it displeased God for me to vote in general political elections. I have not voted in these two-score and three years. Shall I make that a rule for your life? There are some articles in the Gospel Trumpet of thirty-five and forty years ago against voting. I approved of those articles, and yet I never felt like binding this rule on every one. There are some folks that talk much about the "old-time truth of

this reformation" and they know but little what it is.

If I were to say that Jesus does not require us all to live alike, there are some who would say that is a compromising utterance. I do say it, and I will go farther and say that God does not require us in all instances to live now what He may have required of us in the past. God may have required a certain sort of life of you in the past that He does not now, and He will require a life of you in the future that He does not now if you walk life's way hand in hand with Him. Will you please read Matt. 19: 12. There Jesus plainly teaches that He does not require us all to live alike. Some are not able to receive what others are able to receive, and never will be. You are to live to all you are able to receive, but you are not to make this the rule for some other life. I knew a brother and sister (man and wife) who were called of God to go on an extended evangelistic tour. That their work for God in this capacity be not hindered they covenanted with God and each other that by God's grace they would abstain from sexual relation while on this tour. For two years they lived in this manner, although sharing the same bed almost every night. When their labor in this capacity was ended God no longer required this sort of life. It would have proved disastrous if they had made their life for this two years the rule for every other life, and even for their own life for all time. God does not want us to walk in the same path we walked in thirty years ago. He wants us much farther from the world than we were then. He wants us all to live sinless and holy lives, but what was holy living for you thirty years ago is not holy living for you today. Some have gone backward toward the world. God wants us to get farther from the world, but He does not want me to frame a rule for your life in all its details. There are things that He would have you to learn for yourself. You can not be your own individual self if this be not true. You are so constituted that you can not live like another and be free. There are only two of us (my wife and I) in our home, and we do not live alike. We do not live alike because we are not alike. My wife does not live like I do and yet she lives as holily as I do. We are not constituted alike. I am of a quiet, reserved, solitary, nature while she is more sociable, talkative, and laughs where I do not laugh. If I would attempt to bind my life of reticence on her it would take away her individuality and make her into a machine.

Does God concern Himself in all the little things in our life? He certainly does. "Whatsoever we do in word or deed do all in the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ." "Whether we eat or drink do all to the glory of God." "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight." The life God has taught me to live as concerns eating and drinking, I would not bind on you. Many saints would eat and drink differently if I were to do so. This one thing is certain, if you love God you will try and find out what pleases Him, and when you find out you will be careful to do it. We fear that some are seeking to please themselves instead of pleasing God.

In a few following articles we will, the Lord willing, bring out some truth which, if obeyed, will save from fanaticism, and compromise. We will also give you some of our own experience concerning the little things of daily life. But what I have learned by experiences that pleases God is to me the rule of saintly living, and not a rule for all others.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

Sunday, June 4, 1933.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- May 29 — The Last Passover Supper. Mark 14: 12-21.
- May 30 — The First Lord's Supper. Mark 14: 22-26.
- May 31 — Peter's Denial Foretold. Mark 14: 27-31.
- June 1 — Praying In Gethsemane. Mark 14: 32-42.
- June 2 — Betrayal of Judas. Mark 14:43-50.
- June 3 — Denied By Peter. Mark 14:66-72.
- June 4 — Devotional Reading Psa. 42:1-11.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 14:17-26.

SUBJECT — Jesus Facing Betrayal.

17. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.
18. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

19. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I?

20. And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.

21. The son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take eat; this is my body.

23. And he took the cup, and when he had given

thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Memory Verse — Is it I? Verse 19.

Central Thought — The feeding of the soul upon Christ.

Practical Truth — The most important thing in life is the care of my soul.

Suggestions To Teachers

Primary and Juniors—Tell the story of Christ's betrayal. Tell how we can betray Him. See to it that your own life is above reproach. Hold the confidence of the child by being all that you teach them that they ought to be. No one is qualified to teach the children of Jesus except they are saved to the uttermost.

Intermediates — Teach the meaning of the Lord's supper. What is represented by the wine and the bread. What it is to be worthy to partake of the bread and the wine. Have a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of the child.

Senior and Adult — Discuss the Ordinances. What is the meaning of each. Is the meaning they express the experience of each heart?

Introduction

After spending two days in retirement in Bethany, Jesus and the twelve on Thursday evening of the week of the crucifixion went over to Jerusalem, where in an upper room He washed the feet of the disciples (John 13), kept the Passover supper and instituted the Lord's supper. While they were yet in this upper room Judas went out from them. After he had gone out Jesus begins a conversation with His disciples. After singing a hymn they all went out. We do not know if Jesus began His talk to His disciples before they left the upper room; it is certain that the greater portion of His talk was given while they were on their way to Gethsemane. Read His talk as recorded in John 14, 15, 16, chapters, and His prayer in the 17 chapter. This prayer was doubtless prayed after they reached the garden. The talk begins with John 13: 31. These chapters of John is the most wonderful piece of literature in the world. The garden of Gethsemane was only about one fourth of a mile outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Verse 17. Jesus came with His twelve disciples into the upper room to partake of the Passover supper. Judas had already made a bargain with the chief priests to betray the Son of God. Christ knew the heart of Judas. He knows today whether men have it in their hearts to gain influence, popularity, or money by their professed following of Him. We betray Christ today if our professed acceptance of Him is for any selfish purpose.

18. Some things occurred here at this supper that Mark does not speak about. Luke tells us that Jesus told His disciples that it was with desire that He ate this passover with them. John tells us of Jesus at this time taking a basin of water and a towel and with the water washed the feet of the disciples and wiped them with the towel by which He was girded. Read John 13. While eating this supper Jesus said, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." He does not say which one. This gave each one an opportunity to claim the possibility of it for himself.

19. This remark filled them with sorrow. Is it possible? Who among us would do such a thing! All seemed about ready to believe that they would be as likely to do such a thing as any of the others. The suspense was intolerable, so they asked, "Is it I?" Do you think that Judas asked that question? He may have done so to throw off suspicion, just as some will say "amen" to the preaching of the truth when it is condemning them.

20. Jesus here tells them that it is the one that dipped with Him in the dish. John tells us (See John 12: 23-26) that at Peter's request, he himself asked Jesus who it was that would betray Him. Jesus answered, "He to whom I shall give a sop." He then gives a sop to Judas. This means that Jesus dipped bread into the dish of soup or gravy and gave it to Judas. Then the disciples understood who it was that would betray Him. At this time Judas realizes that his scheme was uncovered, and even then to cast off suspicion asked, "Is it I?" (See Matt. 26: 25). Jesus tells him that it was he. In Psalms 12: 9 we have the words, "He that did eat my bread hath lifted up his heel against me." It is Jesus that gives us all things, and how very careful we should be that we use not any of these things in a way that make against the holiness of His cause, and the separateness of His Church.

21. "The Son of man goeth. That word "goeth" is a very solemn word. "Goeth" as has been planned from eternity for Him. "Goeth" as it has been prophesied. All His "going" was a fulfilling of prophecy,

and a working out of God's plan. All of ours should be. Our everyday going should be working out of God's will concerning us. Let us pray that it may be true in our individual case.

22 - 25. Here we have the instance of the institution of the Lord's supper. This supper is given to show the vital relation between Christ and the soul of man. Just as the physical body lives by feeding on bread, so the soul lives by feeding on Christ. When we partake of the Lord's supper it is a testimony that our inward being feeds on Jesus. Except this is the experience of our heart then we eat and drink unworthy. While Jesus says, "This bread is my body," He only means that it represents His body. You may be looking at a picture. You ask, "Who is this?" The father replies, "That is my son." Now it was not his son, but a photo representing his son. The doctrine of the Church of Rome that the bread is changed into the real body of Jesus is a very absurd teaching. This would clearly imply that no one could feed on the body of Jesus except those to whom it was administered by a priest.

Sunday, June 11, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- June 5 — Jesus Before Pilate. Mark 15: 1- 5.
- June 6 — Jesus Condemned. Mark 15: 6- 15.
- June 7 — Jesus Mocked. Mark 15: 16- 21.
- June 8 — Jesus Crucified. Mark 15: 22- 32.
- June 9 — Jesus Died. Mark 15: 35- 41.
- June 10 — Jesus in the Tomb. Mark 15: 42- 47.
- June 11 — Devotional Reading. Isa. 53: 1- 6.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 15: 22- 32.

SUBJECT — Jesus On The Cross.

22. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28. And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30. Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32. Let Christ the King of Israel descend from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

Memory Verse — God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5: 8.

Central Thought — The manifestation of God's love to man.

Practical Truth—A life of sacrifice is proof of love.

Suggestion To Teachers

Primary and Junior — Explain to the children how sin came into the world. How man became sinful, and how God hates sin. Then Jesus must come and die in man's stead that man might be saved. Make it impressive.

Intermediates — Jesus came to save His people from their sins. To do this, He must die for their sins.

Seniors and Adults — Discuss the matter of Jesus coming down from the cross to save Himself. Would He have saved Himself thereby? Do we save ourselves by avoiding sacrifices and self-denials? Do we save others by taking away offence of the cross?

Introduction

The midnight agony in the garden is passed. The prayer, "Not my will, but thine be done" has been offered, the betrayal kiss has been given, Jesus has been arrested and shackled, and carried back to Jerusalem for trial. Three of these trials were ecclesiastical. One before Annas, one before Caiaphas, and one before the Sanhedrin. Three of the trials were civil. One before Pilate, the Roman governor, one before Herod Antipas who was visiting in the city, and the third back before Pilate again. This time Pilate signs the death-warrant. At nine o'clock on that Friday morning Jesus was crucified between two thieves. After six hours on the cross that body or flesh that was prepared in such a wonderful manner for Jesus to go about in during His earthly mission was now lifeless. It is over; it is finished; the atonement has been made and God looks upon mankind now through the offering of His beloved Son.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

22. Jesus is brought to Golgotha. "Golgotha" is a Hebrew word and means the place of a skull. It was called the place of the skull because of the resemblance of the mound to a human skull. In Latin the

word is "Calvaria," which in English is "Calvary." Instead of "Golgotha" Jeremiah speaks of it as "Goath." See Jer. 21: 39.

Verse 23. Matthew says "vinegar" and "gall" instead of "wine and myrrh" as Mark gives it. History tells us that it was a common custom to give sour wine or vinegar mingled with myrrh which was bitter like gall to condemned persons. This was for the purpose of dulling their feelings so that they would be insensible to the pain. Jesus refused this stupifying potion. The custom of giving this stupifying potion to condemned malefactors is mentioned in Prov. 31: 6, "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish." Christ preferred to die fully conscious to physical suffering. In Mark 15: 36 and Matt. 27: 48 we learn that Jesus was offered vinegar the second time. According to John 19: 29 and 30 Jesus this time drank the vinegar. The first offer of the vinegar was refused after Jesus tasted it. See Matt. 27: 34. He found it sour vinegar and mingled with myrrh which was stupifying, but in this second offer it was not sour vinegar or that which was intoxicating and stupifying, therefore Jesus drank it. There is a deep lesson for us here. If we could look upon our life as being in the hands of God as was the human life of Jesus, and that no pain or suffering come upon us only as willed by God, we would not seek some stupifying potion to make us insensible to what God wills us to feel.

Verse 24. They crucified Him. This was by nailing Him through the hands to a cross beam of an upright piece of wood to which His feet were nailed. It was in this way that criminals were crucified and let hang there until they died. History tells us that some lived for three days. Out of mercy sometimes the soldiers came with a hammer and broke the bones of the legs of the one being crucified that they might die the sooner. When these came to Jesus they found that He was already dead. The mercy of the Father! If Jesus had drank that potion to alleviate His sufferings He might have lived longer which would have necessitated having His legs broken. All our suffering for Christ is the surest way of deliverance from greater suffering. If we seek to avoid suffering for Jesus we will meet with greater suffering. The fullest account of the parting of the garments is given by John. See John 19: 23, 24. There we learn that there were four soldiers and the garments were divided into four parts—one for each soldier—but the coat, which was seamless and not so easily parted, for this and this only they cast lots.

Verse 25. The third hour. This is not easily under-

stood. John says "about the sixth hour." By comparing Scripture with Scripture we believe it was at nine o'clock instead of twelve that Jesus was hanged upon the cross. Luke throws some light on this apparent discrepancy. He says that at the sixth hour the sun was darkened. The sun was not darkened at the hour of the planting of the cross, but at midday or after Jesus had been three hours upon the cross. Evidently John has reference to the hour of the darkening of the sun instead of hour Jesus was nailed to the cross.

Verses 27, 28. Two thieves were crucified with Jesus that the Scripture prophecy might be fulfilled.

Verse 30. What great ignorance is here expressed. How little they knew of the great work of God. Jesus did not come to earth to save Himself; He came to save others. If He had come to save Himself He would have come down from the cross, but His life's mission would have failed.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Jesus bore the cross for you. Are you willing to bear the cross for Him? How much do you understand is meant in bearing the cross for Jesus? Are you sure that you never make any attempt to save yourself? Do you not make things a little easier and comfortable for the flesh sometimes? Jesus refused that which would lessen the pain the Father willed Him to bear. Is this true in our life? Study this lesson on your knees asking God to bring the hidden truths with their fullest force to your own heart.

Sunday, June 18, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- June 12 — Jesus Rises From the Dead. Mark 16: 1-8.
- June 13 — Jesus Appears to Mary. Matt. 28: 1-10.
- June 14 — Jesus Appears to Two. Luke 24: 13-35.
- June 15 — Jesus Appears to Ten. Luke 24: 36: 48.
- June 16 — Jesus Commissions His Disciples. Mark 16: 14 - 18.
- June 17 — Jesus Ascends to Heaven. Acts 1: 6-11.
- June 18 — Devotional Reading. Ps. 16: 1-11.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 16: 1-11

SUBJECT — Jesus Rises From the Dead.

1. And when the sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3. And they said among themselves, Who shall

of heart toward Him. He will manifest Himself unto us as He does not unto the world. He would manifest Himself much more precious to His saints if their hearts were turned more yearningly and invitingly to Him. He comes, and may be passes by because you are so much interested in earthly things.

Sunday, June 25, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

June 19 — Jesus our Lord and Savior. 1 Pet. 1: 3- 9.

June 20 — The Great Commission. Matt. 28: 19, 20.

June 21 — Jesus Transfigured. Mark 9: 2- 8.

June 22 — Our Transformation into Christ-likeness. Rom. 12: 1, 2.

June 23 — Living Like Christ. 1 John 2: 1- 6.

June 24 — Doing the Work of Christ. John 14: 12-14

June 25 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 91.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 16: 15 -18

SUBJECT — The Great Commission.

15. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Memory Verse — Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13: 8.

Central Thought — Faith binds soul and body to God.

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

1. In what town was Jesus born?
2. Who came to see him the night He was born?
3. To where did He go from Bethlehem?
4. Where did he spend his boyhood?
5. What trade did He learn?
6. Tell of His first visit to Jerusalem.
7. Who was His forerunner?
8. Why was Jesus baptised?
9. Over what three temptations did He gain the victory?
10. What was the first miracle He wrought?
11. What was the second miracle He wrought?
12. How many apostles did He choose?
13. Name these apostles.
14. What was His mother's name?
15. Name one of His brothers.
16. How did four men get a palsied man to Jesus?

17. What did Jesus do for this palsied man?

18. Has Christ power to forgive sins?

19. Which is the greater miracle, the healing of the body or the saving of the soul?

20. Tell two things Jesus said the kingdom of God is like.

21. In what parable of the kingdom does He teach that a small beginning may have a large ending?

22. What girl did Jesus raise from death?

23. How many did Jesus feed from five loaves and two fishes?

24. How many did Jesus feed a second time from seven loaves and a few fishes?

25. How many baskets full did they take up of the fragments each time?

26. What did Jesus do for a Syrophenician woman's daughter?

27. For Christ to do works among the people what was He dependent on? Mark 6: 5, 6.

28. What was Christ's habit in the early morning? Mark 1: 35.

29. After Jesus fed the multitude and sending the disciples away, what did He do?

30. What must we do to follow Jesus? Mark 8: 34

31. How does Jesus tell us that we can save our life? Mark 8: 35.

32. Which is the most profitable, gaining the world or gaining the soul?

33. To whom are all things possible? Mark 9: 23.

34. What does Jesus teach about giving? Mark 9: 41.

35. How much did the young man lack getting into the kingdom? Mark 10: 21.

36. The one thing he lacked is what many are lacking today. It is stated in the last part of verse 21.

37. What did Jesus do when He went into the temple? Mark 11: 11.

38. He looks round about in the temple of our soul.

39. What was Christ looking for on the fig tree?

40. What did He find? What was the result?

41. What is He looking for in our life?

42. What is the first commandment?

43. What is the second commandment?

44. If we keep these two, how many others may we violate?

45. How lasting is the Word of God? Mark 13: 31.

46. What does He tell us to do? Mark 13: 33-35.

47. How much ought we do for Jesus? Mark 14: 8.

48. Why did not Jesus receive the wine mingled with myrrh?

49. How did Jesus save others?

50. After concluding His talk with the disciples, to where did He go? Mark 16: 19.

roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrightened.

6. And he said unto them, Be not affrighted; ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

9. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

Memory Verse — Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. John 2: 19.

Central Thought — Our Redeemer Liveth.

Practical Truth — He Lives in Me.

Suggestions To Teachers

Primary and Juniors — Impress upon the minds of the children the great fact that Jesus is alive. That He knows all about us, and that He can come into our hearts and help us live right.

Intermediates — Tell the children that death does not end all, that like as Jesus arose from the dead so we are going to be raised up. And that where we shall be in eternity depends upon how we have lived while here.

Seniors and Adults — Discuss why the angel said, "Tell His disciples and Peter." Verse 7 - Was not Peter a disciple?

INTRODUCTION

On Friday before the sun was set Joseph of Arimathea placed the dead body of Jesus in his tomb. Nicodemus sent a hundred weight of embalming spices. The devoted women saw where they laid Him. The Roman guard was stationed to keep the tomb. Sunday April the 9th. is supposed to be the day that Jesus rose from the grave. During that day He appeared to different ones four times. First to Mary Magdalene, next to the other women, the third

time to Peter, and the fourth time to the two men that walked by the way. Jesus appeared eleven different times between His resurrection and His ascension.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

We believe it will be edifying to give a list of the appearances of Jesus. We can get much spiritual good from the study of this chart. There is a reason why He appeared to those He did.

First — Sunday April 9, early in the morning, to Mary Magdalene, near the sepulchre. Mark 16: 9; John 20: 11-18.

Second — Same Sunday morning to the women returning from the sepulchre. Matt. 28: 9,10.

Third — Same Sunday, but a little later, to Simon Peter alone. Luke 24: 34.

Fourth — The same Sunday, but in the afternoon to two disciples going to Emmaus. Luke 24: 13-31; Mark 16: 12,13.

Fifth — The same Sunday, but later in the evening to ten of the disciples. Thomas was not present. John 20: 19-24.

Sixth — One week later on Sunday evening Jesus appeared to the eleven. John 20: 26-29.

Seventh — Some time later He appears to His disciples as they were fishing. John 21: 1-14. This was the third time He had appeared to His disciples.

Eight — A little later, probably about May first, He appears again to the eleven in a mountain in Galilee. Matt. 28: 16-20.

Ninth — He was seen of more than five hundred brethren at one time. 1 Cor. 15: 6.

Tenth — The tenth mention made of His appearing to some of the people was His appearance to James. 1 Cor. 15: 7.

Eleventh — To His disciples last of all before His ascension. Acts 1: 1-10. Then Paul says, "last of all He was seen of me also." But this was after His ascension. He has appeared to many since that time. The day is coming when every eye shall see Him.

The last view of Christ was at the hour of His ascension. He is not a dead Christ, but a living one, and He will live in us if we will open our hearts to Him. That very Christ that we have been studying about for the past six months will take up His abode in our hearts. He will rule our lives if they are yielded to His ruling. Is this true in your life? Is he a living Christ in your soul and life? Is your life, not yours, but Christ's?

This same Jesus is coming again. Be ye ready. Christ appeared to those who had a right attitude