

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



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CHRISTIANS

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Will Ye Also Go Back?

We may take, for instance,
An apple that's good—
Without spot or defect,
And wholesome for food;
If placed in a storage
With one in decay,
The good apple spoils
And must be thrown away.

It is likewise important
That care we should take
In selecting associates
For morality's sake;
But much more important,
Dear ones in the Lord,—
To keep company with saints
Who are true to God's Word.

The idea of thinking
God's way is too straight;
That the saints have all blundered,
And made a mistake;
That a new and revised standard
Ought to be made—
Will start you, my brother,
On the downward grade.

The closer we follow
Our Saviour who taught—
If you love, you'll obey Me
In word, deed and thought—
The clearer our conscience,
The greater our love,
The more victories won
With grace from above.

If a full consecration
Has ever been met,

If our trust is in God and we're
Serving Him yet,
We will 'amen' the standard,
Though high it may be;
But if we shrink
And resent it,
There's a c-h-a-n-g-e—
God can see.

A false accusation
'Gainst saints who stand true,
Our trusting in man or
In money won't do.
Much more could be said,
But this should suffice—
For sufficient, we've heard,
Is a hint to the wise.

Our time is too short
And eternity too long
To play with salvation—
By singing a song;
So let's humble our hearts,
Pressing hard after God,
And hold up the standard—
Escaping His rod. —Erle E. Forbes

Have Faith In God

God has proved His power, ability and willingness to provide His children with food and other things they may need in a temporal way all down through the ages. In the wilderness the children of Israel murmured and were not satisfied with the manna. They lusted after meat and God caused a wind to blow quail into the camp. The record is that the quail fell around the camp each way for a day's journey and two cubits high, which would be over three feet deep. However, God's wrath was kindled against them for their lusting, and many of

them were buried there. But just think of the abundant supply, which shows the unlimited power of God in giving earthly things (Num. 11: 31). Think of the widow's barrel of meal and cruse of oil that never failed (1 Kings 17: 16). God provides for the widows that have faith in His Word.

Read in the fourth chapter of 2 Kings, and see how God supplied the widow with means to pay her debt and provide for her children after the father's death. Read in the 14th chapter of Matthew of the five thousand men, beside women and children, fed with the five loaves and two fishes, and be not faithless but believing. "Trust in the Lord and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily, thou shalt be fed." Psa. 37: 3. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." Psa. 50: 12. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9: 8.

The widow cast into the treasury two mites—all that she had, even all her living, (Mark 12: 44) and Jesus commended her and said that she gave more than they all. The others gave much more in amount but they gave only of their abundance, having plenty left. The widow gave all that she had, and by her works showed faith in God to supply her with what she needed. Faithless people today would look on one like this with pity and say, "You are foolish, you should keep back plenty. Look out for you and your family and give of what is left." That is just what faithless professors are doing everywhere. Hear the voice of Jesus, "Therefore, take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles (unsaved) seek), for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (What shall we do?) But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things (earthly necessities) shall be added unto you." Matt. 6: 31- 33. God says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, *hear ye Him.*" Matt. 17: 5.

Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." If you want to retain His Spirit and His life, abide in His Word and lay your treasures up in heaven. "For this is the love of God that ye keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5: 3. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John 14: 21.

"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. For, as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead

also." James 2: 24 and 26. Brother, let us by faith in God lay hold on eternal life. Your blood-washed Brother,
— Fred Pruitt

Wicked Turned Into Hell

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9: 17.

It is all right to mention heaven, but polite ears do not care to hear about hell. Yet David, the "man after God's own heart," thought it necessary to deal honestly and justly with his audience. He possibly had King Saul in mind when he wrote the Psalm. Be that as it may, we know that true love warns of danger. The first nation in sacred history, the Egyptians, were destroyed because they rejected God. Miriam, the sister of Moses, was the leader in celebrating by joyfully giving the only God the honor for the deliverance of His children.

How marvelously God led them, protected them from their enemies, and fed them. It became monotonous; they longed for excitement and they got it when the earth opened up and swallowed the rebels. They again turned to the Lord, satisfied for a time at least. Joshua knew how to manage them pretty well. He laid the law down to them; gave them their choice, as God does us, saying, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." He made plain that the wicked would be turned into hell collectively as a whole nation. They thought best to play safe, so they promised him they would follow the Lord, and they did fairly well as long as he lived. Then again they drifted off. Their girls married ungodly young men, and the boys married idol-worshipping girls which God had forbidden. "Ye shall not be unequally yoked together." How important that young people wait on the Lord to be sure they are making the proper choice for their own good! Idol worship and disobedience again caused them to be scattered. Many were destroyed by their enemies and by diseases. Yes, our God of justice must keep His Church clean. The wicked will be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God. Sodomites were destroyed because of the terrible lust-demon, of which we as a nation are in danger when the marriage relation is so disgracefully unsanctioned. Rome fell because she disregarded God. France and Germany before the World War danced into hell, reveling on the Lord's day (according to a God-fearing man who was an eye-witness). And if we as a nation do not humble ourselves, like fate is ours. "God is not mocked," we will reap

what we sow. Turn to God with all your heart and He will abundantly pardon. Be like Gideon, David, and the three Hebrew children who through their faithfulness were instrumental in having the whole nation adoring the only God. "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to be a purpose true, and dare to make it known." —Marie Pauline Sass

Our Life's Warfare

We are now living in the age of time when war is raging on every hand, both literal and spiritual. Japan and China are having war while the United States is on the edge of the bank ready to fall in any time. We are also having war spiritually, so let us read the 6th chapter of Ephesians, beginning at the 10th verse and reading to the 12th. "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For (notice) we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against the spiritual wickedness in high places."

How true this Scripture fits the true children of God! We are commanded to put on the whole armour of God in order to fight in the battle and not be wounded. Then how are we going to put on the whole armour of God? We put it on both literal and spiritual. Literally, we dress in clothes which look like we have salvation—not sleeveless and above the knees with beauty preparations on our faces and necks that we might be attractive to the world, but just the reverse, humble and lowly and attractive to God. Spiritually, we are filled with the Spirit or Holy Ghost and buried with Him (Christ) in baptism wherein also ye are risen with Him through the operation of God who hath raised Him from the dead. (Romans 13: 13). We will also walk honestly, not in rioting and drunkenness and world gatherings, but have pure and undefiled religion, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. (James 1: 27).

In the literal wars they always have a commander. He is usually a man of fame. In this spiritual war we have a Commander of high honor, not worldly but heavenly, who is Jesus Christ, one who will guide His little army of saints. We will not perish or want because Christ said, "I am with you always." So while He is with us we are safe. Also He said, "I will guide you into all truth." We'll be victorious in the end when the battle is fought and our enemies are made His footstool. When the United States gets into war the governments will cry peace, peace, when

there is no peace, but remember when our spiritual war is fought there will be peace.

We are placed here on earth to fight a battle, to have our faith tried, and in order to come out victorious we must put on the whole armor of God and obey our Commander. — Louise Wilson

THAT PENKNIFE

God is speaking to Jeremiah. Jeremiah is repeating the words of God to Baruch who is writing them on a roll. When the words of the Lord were written in the roll, the roll was read to Jehoiakim king of Judah. When Jehudi read the words of the roll to the king as he sat in his "winter-house" before the fire, he ordered the words that displeased him to be cut out, and Jehudi cut them out with a penknife and cast them into the fire.

That penknife is being much used today. Preachers are using it. The Bible is a much mutilated Book. But the penknife nor the fire can destroy the Word of God. Ministers who once knew the truth become worldly-minded and then begins the terrible work of using the penknife. They will substitute "liberty of conscience" for the Word of God. They will tell us that if you believe that to be right then to you it is right. Believing a thing to be right does not make it right. That which is right is right though all the world might believe it to be wrong. That which is wrong is wrong though all the world believe it to be right. Oh, the folly of substituting something for the Word of God! Men have used the penknife to the blinding of their eyes and the destruction of their souls. — C. E. Orr.

HOW SIN APPEARS IN GOD'S LIGHT

"Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance." (Psa. 90: 8). Your sinning among sinners does not have such an unsightly appearance, neither does it embarrass you, but you try sinning in the presence of the pure and holy and you will have a very cheap and out-of-place feeling. When you sin among sinners your sin does not look just like it does when you sin in the presence of the righteous. When Jesus breaks through the clouds of heaven in all His purity and holiness how will your sins appear then? The day is coming, dear soul, when you are going to see your sins in the light of God's countenance. Oh, what a day that will be! It is then you will want the rocks and mountains to fall on you and hide you from that holy Presence. Can you not be persuaded, dear sinner friend, to come to Jesus now and let Him save you from your sins so that when you meet Him you will be in His likeness

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



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EDITORIALS

We are surely in the last days which the prophets, Christ and the apostles have told us about. The 'seas of people' are in great agitation; waves roaring and many winds of doctrines blowing. Spiritual conditions are extreme and we hear them cry, "Lo, here is Christ, and lo there".

We hear much said about the "NRA". Many preachers who are in darkness are saying and talking of it being the "mark of the beast." They do not seem to understand that this "NRA" work is just an effort of the government to better financial conditions and that the "mark of the beast" spoken of in Rev. the 13th chapter is relating to spiritual things and not to literal commodities.

Jesus says, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be." Matt. 24: 37. The whole world nearly is in revelry and many hearts are filled with greed, gain and wickedness; much profession but few possessing, and great indifference, lethargy and slowness concerning the self-denying and crucifying way is seen on every hand. Before the flood in Noah's time God looked down upon man whom he had created and "saw the wickedness of man was great and that every imagination of his heart was evil continually."

God was grieved with man and sent a flood and destroyed nearly all living creatures. His wrath was kindled against man who would not regard Him and His wishes. These days likewise seem like the days before the flood and God's wrath is being kindled against this wicked world.

We can look for great tribulations with very severe conditions, for men have sought out many inventions to try to go to heaven rather than take way of the Cross. The only safe way for any one to prepare for the awful conditions that are soon to sweep down upon us is to get right with God and stay right. Those who are saved are ready to live and ready to die; so it will not make any difference to them what comes, as they will know that it is far better to depart and to be with Christ. With a real Christian the great illuminated, exalted life just begins at death when the spirit is free from this earthly tabernacle.

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The tract printing and shipping to different points is steadily going on at Faith Pub. House and we are thankful to God for those who are co-operating with us in sending these 'silent messages' forth to the many needy souls. Those who are handing out tracts have nothing to be discouraged about as they will never know the good they are doing while at this

work. Often a soul gets saved by reading a tract, and many, many souls have the seed of truth planted in their hearts and it will cause them to get saved later on as others enter into their labors. Just recently a preacher came into our office looking for a tract which we printed entitled, "Cast Thy Burdens Upon the Lord". His story was this: He was stopping in Guthrie and was greatly discouraged and cast down. He was standing in front of a restaurant and he noticed a piece of paper lying in the dirt and he was moved to pick it up. He began reading it and his soul was fed and so greatly encouraged that he could cast his burdens on the Lord. He said he never read any thing that did him so much good. He wanted to find where it was published. The address was practically rubbed off and he could not make it out clearly. He could see that the address was in Guthrie, so he began inquiring for the place of printing, and finally he was directed to us. He was delighted to find the tract he loved so much. We had a good talk with him and gave him other literature and he went on his way rejoicing.

Dear readers, when you send means or help in any way to this publishing house, you are helping spread the gospel. You are co-workers with us and with God in the Lord's business, and the Lord will reward every one according to their work. Some are very loyally co-operating and many others ought to as God puts substance into their hands. "The only things that we can take with us when we die are those things which we give as unto the Lord." We are expecting to insert an article in next issue by John Wesley. It is referring to "treasures laid up." It ought to be an 'eye-opener' to every soul on the subject of giving. It is the doers of the Word who are blessed and not those that hear only. The love of God ought to constrain every soul to be at their best for God.

We will send a sample of fifty different tracts and sample paper of *Faith and Victory* to any address. We print tracts, booklets and books for others at very low prices when subjects are upon the Bible and filled with truth. We love to print and send forth the gospel. If you want tracts in large quantities we are prepared to give you special low prices. We want to do all we can to spread the gospel while he keeps life in this mortal body. The night is going to come when no man can work.

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The Lord is encouraging our hearts in the gospel work in this city and also has given us some precious services recently at Oklahoma City. Last Sunday Bro. Huskey of southeast Missouri was with us in the meetings here and the Lord blessed in the morning

service at the chapel. Then in the afternoon several of us went up to the county jail and held services for the boys behind the bars. Some of the prisoners listened attentively to the teaching of the Word and we believe that some good seed was planted in their hearts by the Spirit of God, as God truly did bless in the services. We also left them gospel tracts and papers to read. They are precious souls that Jesus died to save and we ask you to pray that God will continue to bless these services and save some of them.

There is so much work to do for the Lord in this country as the fields are white already to harvest and our hearts are burdened to get the truth to our fellow men who grope in darkness. The printing work here is moving on as God opens up the way. Our aim is not to make just a show in the flesh, but to give the clear, definite truth even though the work does not get to be large to attract the worldly-minded. It is by receiving the truth that men are made free; so the truth shall be printed even if professors do not like it. We could not manifest greater Divine love to any soul than to print and send them the clear truth of the gospel of Christ Jesus.

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We were getting along nicely in setting up our little book, "The Lord's Gracious Dealings," but did not get all the manuscript set up before we had to go to work on this issue of *Faith and Victory*. There was other work to do that hindered some. We expect to go right on with it again just as soon as this paper is put in the mails, and hope to have the book ready by the time another paper is issued. A number have sent in means to print the book and said they wanted some of them when finished. We have their names and addresses recorded and will send the books just as soon as printed. Every one of our readers ought to have one or more of these books. Send in for what you need. We have the assurance that God will make the contents a blessing to you and also to others to whom you may have sent it. The price may be 15 cents or it may be 20 cents, depending on what it costs when finished as it is not being printed for financial gain.

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Just a few words to our readers regarding the NEW SONG BOOK of which we wrote in the Sept. issue. We told our readers in that writing that it would be necessary for those wanting books to send fifty cents for each book wanted, so we could have the money to have the books printed. Some have responded to this notice, but not near enough to think of starting the printing. It is quite evident that

there is great need of another song book and those who want books should act quickly and get their orders in. It may be that some think that they will wait until the book is printed and then buy what they need. If very many do that, no book will be printed. The money will have to be on hands to pay for the printing before the books are received from the publishers. If some one had as much as a thousand dollars to advance on the printing of the books, then we could go ahead and have it done and folks could buy their books after they are printed, and the party advancing the money would get his money back as the books are sold. We send a receipt to every one who orders songbooks, so if for any reason the books are not printed your money will be refunded. Let each one stir their heart about this and not forget nor neglect to send for as many books as the money you have to spare will pay for. This procedure will hurry the printing and issuing.

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We made note in the September issue that Bro. and Sister C. E. Orr had come from Hammond, La. to attend the Oklahoma City camp-meeting. After the camp-meeting Bro. Orr took sick with hemorrhages of the lungs. We invited them to stay at our home. Bro. Orr has been very sick—in bed now for over three weeks. Several times it seemed that he would pass out into the next world; but God has sustained and he is still with us, although there is very little life in his body, and unless God undertakes he will soon be in the Glory world. His oldest daughter, Ethel, from Ohio is here and also his second daughter, Lena, from Calif., and they have very little hopes of his recovery. Bro. C. E. Orr has labored long and faithfully for the Master and he is rejoicing at the thought of going to be with Jesus. The Lord has truly made "his bed in his sickness," as He has kept him from suffering and his mind has been very clear most of the time. He says that he is perfectly resigned to His will and has great patience. Sister Orr has been waiting on him constantly and gives him the best of care as she was formerly a nurse and knows just how to care for the sick. This long strain of service is telling on her body and she needs your prayers and sympathy. Bro. Orr's daughters help and sympathize, yet she has a continual care and burden for him. We ask the prayers of the saints for them and us. (This editorial is written the 20th of September, 1933).

"What is beauty? Not the show
Of shapely limbs and features. No;
These are but flowers

That have their dated hours
To breathe their momentary sweets and go.

An Affidavit

I, Paul Miller Blackman, do solemnly affirm my boastful defiant profanity, and God's subsequent judgment of my wicked position, and after my repentance, His gracious restoration.

On a Lord's Day morning, in March, 1922, at 218 -9th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, I was in good health, with no physical or mental ailments whatsoever, being a disbeliever in God, was profaning His Holy name.

My wife, Mary Stokes Mason Blackman said. "God will punish you." Boastful and defiantly, I said, "God—damn God. There's no such thing as a God. If there was, I could see Him or feel Him." Immediately I became a victim of a facial paralysis.

It was confined to the left side of my face, with no use whatsoever of those muscles which move the eyelids, the corner of the mouth (which impaired my speech), and the cheek, causing them to noticeably sag. To close my eyelids it was necessary for me to use my finger tips. A sharp continual pain continued to grow worse, in that region affected.

I resorted to all means I knew to deaden the pain, with no avail. Medical doctor, William McCabe of Doctors' Bldg., Dental Surgeon, A. A. Brooks of Verdome Bldg., Osteopathic doctors, Hazel and J. R. Shackleford of Jackson Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee, attended me, but gave me no relief. This judgment of God lasted seventeen days.

After my full realization that God existed, and my repentance of my boastful profanity, a Mr. and Mrs. Herold, believers in God, prayed with me for my physical restoration. Even before the prayers were ended I felt the same sensation as I had when first paralyzed—that is, as something pushing upward on my cheek, and I realized immediately that God's physical judgment had disappeared.

I am a witness that there is and will always be a God. I want it plainly understood that the religious sect, so called Christian Science, did not enter into my healing and that I disapprove of their doctrine: reasons based upon the Scriptures.

Signed, Paul Miller Blackman, 15418 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

This manuscript is stamped with the State Seal of Ohio and signed by Edith C. Phalen, notary public, whose commission expires May 11, 1935.

My reasons for affirming: James 5: 12, "Swear not." 1 Peter 3: 13, "Submit yourselves to every

ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." —Paul Miller Blackman.

I, Mary Stokes Mason Blackman, wife of Paul Miller Blackman, do solemnly affirm that on a Sunday morning in March, 1922, Paul was cursing.

When I told him that God would punish him, he cursed God and said that there was no God, if there was he could see Him or feel Him.

Immediately he was struck with facial paralysis and on repenting he was restored to his physical condition as before.

Signed, Mary Stockes Mason Blackman
15418 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Camp Meeting Reports

The Okmulgee, Okla. camp-meeting was a success from beginning to end. It was said by many to have been the best meeting ever held in Okmulgee and the largest attendance. Many could not even get to the tabernacle. There were saints from different parts of Oklahoma: Salt Creek, Guthrie, Dover, Tulsa, Chandler, Boley, Beggs and Hoffman, also from Akron, Ohio and Missouri. About twenty four saint ministers in attendance. The Word of God certainly went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and many precious souls are convinced that God's way is best. Harmony prevailed among the ministers and other saints. A few precious souls found their way to the Cross and were happily saved and baptised. About seventy-one happy saints observed the ordinances on the last day of the meeting.

The Lord so wonderfully provided for the meeting that on some days as many as 220 people were fed.

One of the denominational ministers of Okmulgee visited the meeting. He told some of the saint ministers that he belonged to the . . . Church here in Okmulgee, but that they (his Church) have gone into "cold storage" but you, he said, have the power. As the meeting came to a close sadness filled the hearts of the saints and many tears were shed as they departed for their homes. — L. L. Jackson.

The Oklahoma City camp-meeting began with victory from the very first service. A goodly number of ministers were present to proclaim the truths of the Bible. Some from other states together with the local state ministers made quite a number of the Lord's servants. Several persons were saved and some sanctified and several claimed healing for their bodies. About twelve or fourteen were baptised in

the watery grave. Some came out of confusion and were re-baptized, leaving the last stone from Babylon. There were larger crowds than previous years. A real brotherly spirit was felt and many said it was the best camp-meeting for five years. The expenses were met by free-will offerings. The trustees of the state camp-ground reported the camp-ground as being out of debt (with the exception of pavement taxes), for which the saints have much to rejoice.

From there we went by Guthrie where Bro. Pruitt and family are laboring to print the truths of this glorious reformation through the paper, "Faith and Victory," by which many are refreshed by reading the same, especially the isolated saints who do not have the privilege of hearing the Word preached as many of us do. From Guthrie we stopped over for one service at Collinsville, Okla. where we found Bros. Barton, Wilson and Huskey in the midst of a revival meeting. It was reported that in a previous meeting several hundred came out to hear the gospel. Some had gotten saved. Surely this is a ripe field of labor, and the brethren were doing all they could. Leaving there, we stopped for one service at Webb City, Mo. where we found a Spirit-filled congregation of saints, and where Mother Sunderland had formerly been pastor. Coming on to Springfield, Mo. camp-meeting we found the meeting all ready to begin. The word of God went forth definite and heart-searching and as close as I ever heard it. Several got saved and sanctified and healed during the meeting. The ministers who were present to preach the Word were so in the spirit of unity that not even a vibration of discord was felt. Hence, there was old time apostolic power in the camp and much rejoicing among the saints. The young saints who had gotten saved went to work to get others saved and a mighty move amongst the young saints was manifested. The ordinances of the Lord's house was precious, and 12 followed the Lord in baptism. Our hearts are much encouraged to press on, as we view the needy fields which are ripe to harvest. We can truly say, "Lord, send forth more laborers in your field. Ministers present were Bros. A. E. Harmon, Geo. E. Harmon, E. M. Zinn from Calif.; Bros. Fowler from Dexter, Mo., Francisco of Oklahoma and Atwood of Kansas besides the nearby ministers of Missouri. Yours for the Faith,
— E. M. Zinn, Bellflower, Cal.

Questions Answered

Q. Is the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God the same place? I heard a preacher say you

could curse, swear and drink and be in the kingdom of heaven, but one must be holy to be in the kingdom of God.

Ans. The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven are used interchangeably in the Word of God. The kingdom of God most generally refers to saved people, the "family of God," those who are born again or the Church of God. The kingdom of heaven is sometimes used to denote the saved people and other times to denote the universal kingdom—God's power and rule over all the world. People in the universal kingdom do curse, swear and drink, but others who are in this kingdom and also in the "family of God" do not do such things.

Q. Is Jesus and the Father (God) both only one person?

Ans. Turn to Matt. 3: 16, 17, and you will find that Jesus was one and He was baptised; the Spirit was another and He descended on Jesus in the form of a dove; God was another and He witnessed concerning His beloved Son. Again the Father witnessed on the Mount of Transfiguration. "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." Jesus tells us just how to baptise. Read Matt. 28: 19. God says, "Hear ye Him." It is a question whether the disciples used the short form of, "Lord Jesus" or whether Luke the writer used those words for short knowing that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost composed the God-head and "in one name" would answer for all three, as the three are one in unity and purpose. God says, "Hear ye Him" (Christ). I for one, will, and much prefer to take His direct teachings.

Q. Is the wicked resurrected with the same fleshly body that they were buried with? If so, how could flesh burn forever in the flames?

Ans. The fleshly or earthly body returns back to dust as God commanded in the third chapter of Genesis, 19th verse. It is the spirit consciousness that suffers as in the flames of fire and the suffering and burning is far greater than flesh could suffer.

Q. Is the grave hell, or is there a real hell with literal flames of fire?

Ans. In a few places in the Bible the grave is spoken of as hell. But where eternal punishment and burnings are referred to, the word hell has reference to these places of torment. The flames of fire with sulphur and brimstone are the strongest terms that could be used to bring to our understanding the intense suffering and agony to which a wicked soul is subject.

Question: A family of saints have a daughter

who is saved and going on seventeen years of age. But now, since she is getting older the question of dress arises and needs to be definitely and Scripturally decided. The parents want her to dress as the older saints do. But the daughter is not willing to do so and does not see why it is not alright to wear silk hose and silk dresses since they are so cheap and are made plain and modest. What would you advise in a case like this?

Answer: The Bible rule for dress is modest apparel. Paul and Peter both teach on this question and their teachings harmonize. Read 1 Tim. 2: 9 and also 1 Peter 3: 3, and you will see that outward adorning of any nature is taught against, as it will not harmonize with a meek and quiet spirit which is of great price in the sight of God. A girl of that age, whether saved or unsaved, is breaking the first commandment with a promise (Eph. 6: 1, 2 and 3). In the next verse of the same chapter it tells the fathers not to provoke their children. It might be possible for parents to provoke their daughters if they required them to dress in every detail like a mother with children. The Bible does not give us a certain kind of uniform to wear and by that be known as a saint, for the devil could and often does dress like a saint to deceive. The Bible rule is "modest apparel". Showy silks or any other flashy and showy goods is not modest apparel and should be avoided by all true saints. Years ago when silks were very costly the ministers cried out against it on the grounds of "costly array" and they were justified in doing so. If silk is as cheap (I doubt it being so) as serviceable cotton goods and is not flashy and showy, we find no Bible to condemn its use. Personally I do not wear any silk and neither do I advise any one to wear it, and I teach against it from the pulpit and the press. It is generally looked upon as costly array, and I believe it is yet costly if it renders much service. It does not have the appearance to me that becomes a saint, as the worldly minded are so anxious for it and we are taught to be "not conformed to this world." Rom. 12 :2. As recorded in the 16th chapter of Luke the rich man who lifted up his eyes in hell had the mark of pride and selfishness on him while living, as he was clothed in purple and fine linen. There is great need in the land for means to spread the gospel, and too many starving for bread and without necessary clothing for any one who professes to love God to be selfish enough to dress themselves in costly array, no matter how much they may have of this world's goods. We as saints should not want to appear in dress or spirit like the worldly carnal minded people as we are "bought with a price and we are not our own."

— Fred Pruitt

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

The Song Of Youth

In the spring of my life I have found Him,
Found the Savior so kind and so true.
With the strength of youth in my step
There's so much for Him I can do.

With a voice young and strong I can praise Him,
Both in testimony, song, and in prayer.
I am willing to go searching for souls
Where older would not even dare.

In the morning of life I can serve Him,
Give my strength, give my youth, and my all,
Can bear fruit till the evening of Time
When I hear that final call.

In the springtime of youth there is danger,
It's so easy to wander astray,
For the Devil has lain every pitfall
He can call to his mind in the way.

Let us rush to the rescue, nor tarry;
Some are now on the brink of woe.
To-day perhaps they are deciding
For fair Heaven or Hell down below.

— Grace Ann Myers

EDITORIALS

The Lord has truly answered prayer. We have been asking Him to stir the young saints to diligence in writing for the young people's section. The testimonies in this section will clearly show how the Lord has impressed some of them in the matter. We are thankful for their interest, and pray the Lord to continue to bless them in their efforts to magnify His name through the printed page.

Many other young people who profess to be saved should not fail to witness for their Savior when the opportunity affords. If we are ashamed of Him, He says He will be ashamed of us in that last great day of Judgment. Our whole duty is to "fear God and keep His commandments." Songs of Solomon 12: 13. One of His commandments is for us to be His witnesses. Every work will be brought into judgment, whether it be good or whether it be evil. If we are doing good works for Jesus' sake, then they will be to our credit in the Judgment.

Let us hold fast to the things which we have heard, and not neglect this great salvation. Watch and pray is the command to all. May the Lord bless each reader. L. D. P.

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Neosho, Mo. —Dear young people: Greetings of holy love in the name of our Redeemer who so loved us that He gave Himself for us. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin and makes us free. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8: 36.

As I looked over the latest issue of "Faith and Victory" paper and saw but few testimonies from the young saints I realized, as never before, how we had failed to co-operate with the editor in writing something for the glory of God and to encourage others. And I know at times it must be very discouraging when we fail to do our part. We must not say we can't. If we are living for the Lord, we can and must tell of His goodness. I have learned a good lesson on this line, and really intend to make more of an effort to help in the young people's section of the paper.

Today finds me contented and happy in the Master's service, and desiring to prove to my Lord that I love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. If we can do this, we will prove to the world there is a reality in the salvation Jesus died to give.

It means much to take the name of a saint. It means every day, every hour, watching and praying, lest we bring shame and reproach upon the name of Christ. Our life should be a reproduction of His life. He is our perfect example and we are following in His footsteps.

The time is here when we need to ever keep a clear title to our mansion in the sky. We can see sudden changes taking place that will mean greater trials for the saints of God. It's only those who have a real Bible experience of salvation, those who are willing to endure any kind of persecution, and "suffer all things for His name's sake," that will be able to stand. And we know it's only those who endure until the end that shall be saved.

There are temptations on every side for the young folks, but if we keep our affections centered on things above, keep the Lord always before us, give no place to the devil, keep in the spirit of prayer, we can see the enemy of our soul conquered in every battle. "If

the Lord be for us, who can be against us?"

We are serving a merciful God. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Psa. 103: 10. David said, "He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust."

Young saints, keep encouraged. May the Lord help us to lift up the standard against Satan, and fight the good fight of faith.

Pray that I'll be an example on every line as a true saint. Your Sister in His service,

— Ruth McNeely

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Loranger, La. —Dear young saints scattered abroad: May the Lord's richest blessings ever rest upon you is my prayer.

I am thankful for another privilege to add my testimony to the little paper, not merely to fill space, but trusting it will be an encouragement to some one to press the battle on for the Lord.

I am very much encouraged this morning to be faithful to the end. Just as Jesus was faithful in doing the work His Father gave Him to do, let us be faithful in doing what He gives us to do. It will profit us nothing to be true a few years and then turn back to the world. For the crown of life is just promised to those who are faithful until death. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10.

The only desire and determination I have this morning is to do the will of my heavenly Father whatever it may be. This vain world with all its follies and charms mean nothing to me. I have turned my back upon it, and I'm traveling with the few saints of God this morning to the Celestial City whose builder and maker is God. Praise the Lord for that home Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

Dear ones, the time is coming when we will have to stand face to face with our Creator and give an account to Him for the way we have lived in this present world. So let's live in such a way that when the time comes, we will be able to stand before Him with clean hands and a pure heart. Then there will be nothing to prevent us from being admitted into that heavenly kingdom where we will spend eternity with Jesus and all the holy angels.

Pray that I will ever be found filling my place in the body of Christ. Your Sister in the one way,

— Alta Williamson.

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Neosho, Mo. —Dear young people scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May the richest blessing of heaven rest upon you.

I thank the Lord for the plan of salvation and the way he has cared for me and protected me when I was yet in sin.

May God bless and keep all of you young saints is my prayer. The time is at hand when the young have to step out on the promise of God. We are living in a time when we must watch and pray continually. We also need the prayers of the saints. It is wonderful to have One to go to in time of sorrow, in time of need and when we feel crushed. God is on His throne waiting to comfort and bless. So many fail because they try to go through and bear their burdens without the help of the Lord. Others are discouraged by listening to the remarks this or that party has made. They talked about our Lord; He knows and will keep you if you only trust Him.

I receive much food to my soul in reading this little paper from cover to cover. The explanations on the Sunday School lessons are so good. I thank the Lord for the older saints. We don't know how much we will miss them when they will not be with us any more. If we could store in our hearts a few of the good things we learn and put them in practice, we would be a greater blessing. I especially enjoyed the lesson about Saul, how we should love God so that we will obey when He speaks. Never talk unless we see our words are needed. I need your prayers on this line. I believe many would talk only half so much if this was put in practice.

We are having real good meetings at Neosho. The saints are standing together and souls are being born into the Kingdom. Three got saved and one sanctified since the Okla. City camp-meeting. The Lord wants His people to be of the same mind. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Phil. 1: 27.

— Selma Hiebert

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Boley, Okla. —Dear readers of *Faith and Victory*: I feel impressed to write my testimony. It may be a help to some one who has been sick for some time and yet suffering.

I am still praising God for salvation and really satisfied in the way of the Lord. There is nothing I have ever found to satisfy the soul but Jesus.

The Lord saved me when I was thirteen years of age. I am now twenty-one. After I was saved about two years and was still in school, one of my playmates pulled me backwards. I suffered very much. I was prayed for many times; would get better but it would come back. For six years I suffered with my side.

It was impossible for man to cure. Sometimes the Lord allows something to happen to get our attention. I began praying and seeking the Lord. I wanted to know His will. He began talking to my heart, saying, "Arise, go warn the wicked and break the bread of life to them." The devil said, "You are too young," and the people said many discouraging words. I become slow about moving out for the Lord. In April 1933, I had an awful spell. I became speechless for three days. My brothers went to Okmulgee after Bro. H. Robinson, Sister R. Edwards, and Bro. and Sister Weldon. They came and joined in prayer with the saints here. The Lord answered prayer; gave me my speech. I was blind and He gave me sight, and deaf and He opened my ears and I can hear. Truly, the Lord wonderfully blessed me and I will never cease to praise Him. In August, the last night of the camp-meeting here, I took very sick and seemed I could not live any longer. The saints prayed. I became speechless for three days. I told the Lord if He would give me my speech I would never be slow about moving out for Him. I would preach any where He led and any time. The Lord heard my earnest pleading, touched my body and the evidence came that the work was done. I claimed the promise and the victory was mine.

Pray for me that I may prove faithful through every trial and temptation.

Your Sister in Christ, — Velma S. Carter

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Benton Harbor, Mich. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: I want to testify to the wonderous love of a Savior who gave His life for me upon the tree to set me free, and took upon Himself the form of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin here in the flesh, that I as sinful mortal might be made free from all sin that doth so easily beset me, and His love and grace shed abroad in my heart that keeps me from thinking evil of those that think mischief against me, and puts a delight in my soul to tell them the same old story that Jesus told Zacchaeus that He wanted to abide in their house today and to spread their dining table with the sweet fruit of the Spirit of love, joy, peace that they may speak the truth in love and may grow up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ, then they will not want to walk as other Gentiles walk according to the course of this world according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, and that they will want to be quickened together with Christ and raised up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, speaking to yourselves in

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He might present it (us) to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle.
— James E. Morris

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Marshall, Mich. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: In February 1933 I was very low with the flu. I called the elder and was prayed for and instantly healed for which I give God all the glory. In August I took Brights disease and was at the point of death for six days, and was prayed for and the Lord wonderfully healed me and I give God all the glory. I had a rupture of ten years' standing and was instantly healed. I truly praise God with all my heart. He has been so good to me.
—Wm. L. Vanzanett.

A True Story

Once upon a certain time there was a great world-wide depression on earth, and people suffered much. For we are taught in the precious Word of God that they were as lost sheep without a shepherd to feed and care for them. Nevertheless, to save the world from a starvation in sin and death, our heavenly Father sent us One who loved the people so dearly that he fed them on the flesh of His own body (His word) and let them drink His blood (His spirit) and wash and bathe in the same.

Children, this is no fairy tale, no fictitious novel, no Santa Claus lie, but thank God, it is the truth.

The good Shepherd (our Savior) came and brought life to a dying world, and His rich word is yet food to our souls, and His Spirit yet giveth life to both soul and body. (Read Matt. 4: 4).

Children, we are right now in the midst of a great depression. Yet there is One in our midst who will supply all our needs and save us from all sin. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Yea, the same God that blessed a handful of meal and a little oil, and made it last a long time through a depression; yea, the same Lord that blest a few small loaves and fishes and used it to feed a whole multitude—thank God we can testify—he is yet with us today and will never forsake us. Praise His name.

Who has a will to contribute
A few small loaves and fishes,
That He may bless to execute
His holy will and wishes?

— G. W. McMillan

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Broken-Hearted Christians

Read Jer. 9: 1. There needs be more broken-hearted Christians these days — more who will weep because of the fallen condition of the professed people of God. Where are the “weeping prophets?” Are there none to weep over a lost, and sinning world? Christians are the most sorrowful people in the world. There is no sorrow that goes so deep as the sorrow of the Christian heart over a sinning world. It is the sorrow that is akin to the sorrow of Jesus. The Christian that sorrows deepest over a lost world is most like Jesus. The Savior is called “a man of sorrows.” In reading the life story of Jesus we find many mentions of His weeping, of His sorrowing, of His grieving, but once only of His rejoicing in His spirit that while the deeper things of God were hid from the wise and prudent they were revealed unto babes. See Luke 10: 21.

Christ sorrowed because there was so much in the world that was repulsive, hateful, horrible to His nature. Those Christians who can dwell among sinful men and feel no deep sorrow of heart are not worthy the name of Christian. The sins that the Christian beholds grieves him to the heart.

The sorrow of Jesus was the sorrow of unrequited love. Scarcely is there any sorrow so deep as this. To reject the offers of a generous love cuts deep. Alas, how sad His loving heart is made today because there are so few who love Him. His heart of love is bleeding because of the coldness of the hearts of even the holiest of men. Does not our hearts often weep because our love is so cold?

Christians of the broken-heart are those who are very sensitive in their nature. They feel keenly the sins of the world. They weep because Jesus is not more sincerely loved. Those professed Christians who are found enjoying with a gay pleasure-loving people the various amusements of the present day know nothing of the joy of a heart weeping with the Savior. The Christians of the broken-heart are most like Jesus and they will be in that exalted rank that will shout eternal praise to Him that sits upon the throne.

THE MIND OF CHRIST

“Let this mind be in you which also in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 2: 5). “But we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Cor. 2: 16). Other translations have

different renderings for the word “mind”, but unquestionably “mind” is the true rendering.

What is meant by having the mind of Christ? It is to see things as He saw them. In His light we see light. We have His way of looking at things. We see sin, the world, goodness, righteousness, truth and error as He saw them. To be like Him in mind is to resemble Him in everything. We will control our human body as He did His. We will feel, talk, and act as He did or would under the same circumstances. Where He would turn the right cheek we will do it. Where He was lamb-like we will be lamb-like and where He was lion-like we will be the same.

Committing the Ten Commandments and the Lord's prayer to memory will not give you the mind of Christ. It is a much higher matter than subscribing to a code of rules. It is to possess His spirit so fully that it will actuate all we say and do. We must be saturated through and through with His thought and purpose. It is to so drink in, to absorb His spirit that we are moved by it in our entire life. It is Christ living in us and not we living in ourselves.

The Holy Ghost was given Jesus from God out of heaven. When Jesus was baptized by John the heavens were opened and John saw the Holy Ghost come on Jesus in the shape of a dove. (Matt. 3: 16-17).

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1933.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 25—Saul Born In Tarsus. Acts 22: 1-3, 27, 28.

Sept. 26—Saul's Religious Training. Phil. 3: 1- 6.

Sept. 27—Hebrew Parents' Love For Children. Judgs 13: 8- 14.

Sept. 28—Religious Training Commanded. Deut. 6: 1-9

Sept. 29—A Hebrew Boy Dedicated to God. 1 Sam. 1: 21- 28.

Sept. 30—The Lord Giveth Wisdom. Prov. 2: 1- 10

Oct. 1 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 119: 9- 16.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 21: 39; 22: 3, 27, 28; 26: 4- 7; also Phil. 3: 3- 6.

SUBJECT — Saul in Tarsus

21: 39. But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

22: 3. I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

27. Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

26: 4. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5. Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

7. Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

Phil. 3: 3. For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee.

6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Memory Verse—Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2: 15.

Central Thought—Zealousness in the right way is profitable.

Practical Truth—Be not ashamed to witness of the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers.

Introduction

On this occasion Paul had returned to Jerusalem from a missionary journey to the Gentiles. The Jews in Asia charged him with polluting the temple in Jerusalem. They stirred up the people against Paul, and drew him out of the temple to kill him. The chief captain heard of the uproar and rescued Paul from the mob. In the lesson the Apostle witnesses to the people and officers who he was.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Cilicia was a prosperous Roman province in the southeastern part of Asia Minor. Tarsus was the cap-

ital. Paul was a Jew, and a citizen of this province. He was brought up and educated in Jerusalem at the feet of Gamaliel who was a noted Jewish teacher. Paul knew the Mosaical law perfectly, and was very zealous for it. As a Roman citizen, he had the privileges of a Roman. Paul's life from his youth was known by his own nation. He belonged to the religious sect known as the Pharisees. Paul's complaint was that he was being tried for his zealous belief in the hope of the promise. Paul worshipped God in the spirit and rejoiced in Christ Jesus. He was of the tribe of Benjamin. His zeal for the law caused him to persecute the Church of God. According to the righteousness of the law he was blameless.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 2—The Conversion of Saul. Acts 9: 1- 12.

Oct. 3—Paul's Testimony. Acts 26: 12- 20.

Oct. 4—Manasseh Converted. 2 Chron. 33: 10- 17.

Oct. 5—Prayer for Pardon. Luke 18: 9- 14.

Oct. 6—Born from Above. John 3: 1- 8.

Oct. 7—Saved by Grace. Ephesians 2: 1- 10.

Oct. 8—Devotional Reading. 2 Cor. 5: 11- 21.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 9: 1- 12, 17-19.

SUBJECT — Saul in Damascus

1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus; and suddenly there shined around about him a light from heaven:

4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no man.

8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias, and he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold he prayeth.

12. And he hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

17. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

Memory Verse — Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed way; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. 5: 17.

Central Thought — God changes earnest, sincere hearts into channels to fulfill His purposes.

Practical Truth — Let God's voice correct you.
Introduction

Since the stoning of Stephen, Saul had endeavored to stamp out Christianity. In his rage he was not content to persecute and scatter the church in Jerusalem alone. His vehement desire to utterly annihilate Christianity led him on a journey of 140 miles northward to Damascus where he had heard there were Christians.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

The disciples of the Lord will be threatened and persecuted. The chief priest gave Saul license to bring the Christians bound from Damascus. On his journey just before he reached his destination, a bright, flashing light struck him to the earth. This was at mid-day or high noon. The Voice which spoke was unmistakable, and Saul recognized the Divine presence. Jesus identifies Himself with his disciples. In his penitence for sin Paul asks what he should do. With conditions and purposes altered, Saul was sent on to Damascus. He abode in the house of Judas for three days in prayer without sight, food or drink. A disciple named Ananias was sent unto Saul. After he laid on hands and prayed, Saul received sight. Forthwith, he was baptised. Saul broke his fast, re-

ceived meat and was strengthened. With this radical change he spent several days with the disciples at Damascus.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 9—Paul Teaching in Antioch. Acts 11: 19- 30.

Oct. 10—Persecution Overruled. Phil. 1: 12- 21.

Oct. 11—Receiving the Gospel. 1 Thess. 1: 1- 10.

Oct. 12—"No Respector of Persons." Acts 10: 34- 43.

Oct. 13—A Prophet's Commission. Amos 7: 14- 17.

Oct. 14—The Gospel Message. Romans 10: 1- 10.

Oct. 15—Devotional Reading. Col. 3: 12- 17.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 11: 19- 30; 12: 25.

SUBJECT — Paul in Antioch.

19. Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

29. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea:

30. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

12: 25. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

Memory Verse — For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1: 16.

Central Thought — Persecution causes the truth to spread and the true light to shine afar.

Practical Truth — Carry the truth wherever you go. Send relief to the brethren in need.

Introduction

Saul spent a season in Arabia after his conversion. Then he returned to Damascus only to be persecuted himself. Going on to Jerusalem, he encountered hostility there. He finally went to Tarsus, his native city of Cilicia.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

When the word of truth is crushed in one place it rises in another. Men of Cyprus and Cyrene preached the Lord Jesus to the Grecians at Antioch. The Jew first, but also the Greek. The gospel must be preached to every creature. This was a turning point in mission work, and was greatly attended by the Divine blessing. Preaching the Lord Jesus is the only preaching that will effect salvation. Barnabas was sent from the church in Jerusalem. He saw the grace of God at Antioch, and was glad. The saved should be exhorted to duty. Is your purpose of heart to cleave unto the Lord? Barnabas was full of the Holy Ghost and faith. The result was: much people were added unto the Lord. Saul was brought to help him. Co-operation increases power. First called Christians at Antioch. Outsiders evidently gave the designation. To them the disciples appeared Christ-like in rare degree.

The disciples determined to send relief to the brethren in Judea. Selfishness is sinful. Brotherly love will stretch out the hand of help to the brethren in need. The church is the relief agency.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 16—The First Foreign Missionaries. Acts 13: 1-7

Oct. 17—Persecution for the Gospel's Sake. Acts 14: 19- 28.

Oct. 18—The World Need. Romans 1: 8- 17.

Oct. 19—The Great Commission. Matt. 28: 16- 20.

Oct. 20—The Universal Call. Isaiah 55: 1- 7.

Oct. 21—The Triumph of Missions. Psalms 22: 23- 31.

Oct. 22—Devotional Reading. Eph. 2: 13- 22.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION—Acts 13: 1- 5, 13-15; 14: 19- 23.

SUBJECT — Paul in Asia Minor

1. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

13. Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphas they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.

14. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15. And after the reading of the law and prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

14: 19. And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20. Howbeit as the disciples stood around about him, he rose up and came into the city; and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch.

22. Confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed.

Memory Verse — And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16: 15.

Central Thought — Through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God.

Practical Truth — Be faithful to the call of the Holy Ghost, even though the consequence means persecution.

Introduction

Barnabas and Paul had returned from Jerusalem to Antioch. Many prophets and teachers were in this congregation. Antioch was the center from which the light of the gospel was transmitted to "the regions beyond." At the call of the Holy Spirit Barnabas and Saul attended by John Mark, about 47 A. D., set out on their first missionary journey.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

The church at Antioch was the mission base. The missionary activity in the church should flow out in streams of blessing to all benighted lands. As the ministers labored and fasted, the Holy Ghost called the two leaders to a special work. Let the best go to the front. God's will is the rule of the church. Hands were laid on, ordained and sent away with their benediction upon the missionaries. The saints work in harmony with the call of each one. They sailed to Cyprus, a point in their new mission field. At Salamis they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. Visited other points. At Lystra Paul was stoned and dragged out of the town as dead. This persecution was the result of obedience. Through the power of God he rose up and went into the city. The missionary company left next day. The souls of the disciples were exhorted to continue in the faith. There is a reward for continuing in the faith. Elders were ordained in every church. It is well to be commended to the Lord.

Sunday Oct. 29, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 23—Self-Denial for the Sake of Others. Romans 14: 13- 23.

Oct. 24—Christian Liberty. 1 Cor. 10: 23 to 11: 1.

Oct. 25—Brotherly Love. 1 John 4: 4- 13.

Oct. 26—Watchfulness and Sobriety. 1 Thess. 5: 1- 11.

Oct. 27—Obedience in the Home. Eph. 6: 1 -9.

Oct. 28—Drunkenness Punished. Luke 12: 41- 48.

Oct. 29—Devotional Reading. Psalms 68: 1- 6.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Romans 13: 12- 14; 14: 7- 9, 15 -21.

World's Temperance Sunday

12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof.

14: 7. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's.

9. For to this end Christ both died and rose and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

15. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17. For kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Memory Verse — Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13: 10.

Central Thought — We are not left to ourselves, whether dead or living.

Practical Truth — Cast off the works of darkness, lusts of the flesh, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction

Paul's letter to the Romans contains the lesson for study. It is considered the greatest of the Pauline epistles, being written about A. D. 58.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

It is now time to do something. The night is far spent; the day is at hand. The armor of light dispels the darkness. Walk honestly. The Lord Jesus Christ will teach us not to make provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.

The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking (some literal reign) but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. This manner of serving Christ is well-pleasing to God. Are we following the things which make for peace? It is not good to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.