

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

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

JESUS  
SAVES

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## The Greatest Gift

The greatest Gift of all the gifts  
This world has ever known  
Is God's dear Son, His only one,  
And He is all our own.

Who spared Him not, but gave Him up  
To die that we might live,  
All things with this most precious Gift  
Will also freely give.

What can depress, or cause distress,  
Since He was sent from heaven  
To die alone, that priceless One,  
Through whom we are forgiven.

How joyful then, this blessed way,  
Though scouraged by chastening rod.  
Since we through Christ, God's greatest Gift,  
Are reconciled to God.

So if we live it's unto Him,  
Or if we die, the same;  
Then praise His name, His holy name,  
Forever praise His name!

— Lula Bose.

## 'That The World May Believe'

"That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. John 17:21." Oh what a responsibility on the Church. Jesus has done all He can do. He spilt His blood for the sanctifying and unifying of believers. The rest is ours, "that the world may believe". If we live this unity the world will believe an many get saved. If we fail we are to blame and souls will be lost. How careful then ought we to be to retain that fellowship which is God-given. "The only test of fellowship is the existence of fellowship." (D. S. W.) The measure

of our light is the measure of our responsibility. "The entrance of thy words giveth light" Psa. 119: 130. But it is the office work of the Holy Spirit to get that light into our hearts (Jno. 16: 13). It is when we all walk in *that light* that we have fellowship (1 Jno. 1: 7). What is light? God. (5th verse) Then the more God we have in our lives the more light. Jesus Christ the living word was the light of men. He was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (Jno. 1: 1- 9). If we lose that light we become backslidden in heart, (Prov. 14: 14; Jer. 2: 19) and God is not married to us, as in Jer. 3: 14. What is the cause of broken fellowship? "For curse causeless shall not come." Prov. 26: 2. Now since there is a cause for all divisions; let us see if we can find the cause. If a person is sick and calls for a doctor, the first duty of the doctor is to diagnois the case before administering a remedy, as he might give the wrong medicine, and thus injure the body and perhaps produce death. Such fatal mistakes have been made with the body of Christ by the unwise doctor of divinity, and the result is weakness, sickness or death. It becomes necessary sometimes to take an x-ray but the doctor should take off his colored glasses while taking it. The Bible and the Holy Spirit-filled ministry are the proper instruments to be used on the body of Christ. A boy of my acquaintances tried to make his calf eat dead, brown grass, but the calf could see the grass was not green and he would not eat it. So the boy put green goggles on the calf's eyes, fooled the calf, made it believe the grass was green and he went to eating it. We don't need any man's colored glasses in reading God's word, but read with the spirit and the understanding. If we all read the word of God alike as in 1 Cor. 1: 10, we will all speak the same things and there will be no room for division, or schisms (1 Cor. 12: 25) or damnable heresies (2 Pet. 2: 1) or as the German translation has it, "destructive sects". So sects, divisions, schisms, heresies are all the same and are daughters, grand daughters, etc. of the mother Babylon. I don't believe it is proper

to call any individual when talking to him by any of the above divisional names, but the watchman on the walls who will not tell the truth and expose these damnable heresies by showing the people that all such are condemned of God has gone to sleep, I fear. He is like the man that was hungry and thirsty and dreamed he ate and drank, only to find when awaking that he did not have a thing, not even his job, for the watchman who goes to sleep on the job will usually lose his job and sometimes his life. Some say "there is good and bad in all churches." There may be individuals who are living to the light they have. We speak not of them, but of the evil principles and practices that divide and sub-divide.

Have we not some Bible precepts and examples to live by that will keep out division? Let us read and consider well the following scriptures and the Lord give us understanding in connection with 1 Cor. 1: 10. Read Phil. 1: 27. This has to do with our conversation. Carefulness on this line will keep us from speaking evil of anyone, and Phil. 2: 3- 6 will keep us from doing anything through strife or vain glory and we wont think we are better than our brother. The 14th verse put in practice will stop disputing and murmurings. Then read the 8th verse of the 4th chapter and let our minds and hearts be filled with "whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report," then "let the word of God dwell in us richly," and we will be more like Christ as we sometimes sing. Then if we would know more how to please our neighbor for his good to edification, read Rom. 15: 1- 7 and let it sink down in our hearts. As we cannot do it in our own strength, turn to 1 Peter 2: 19- 24, and follow the example Jesus left us by following in his steps, and besides all this, "giving all diligence, begin to add the seven Christian graces as in 2 Peter 1. 5- 7.

Now since we through the above scriptures have learned how to please God and the brethren, let us see if we can find out by the Word how to keep from displeasing them. If fellowship is the desire of our heart and the Holy Spirit dwelling within, I'm sure He will guide or lead us to the scripture we need. Paul said, "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient." 1 Cor. 10: 23. Some things might not edify. See case of eating meat (1 Cor. 8: 8 to finish). We have heard much about "liberty of conscience". Every true child of God has liberty of conscience, but we see here is a case where it would be wrong to use it and thus become a stumbling block to our brother which might cause him to perish. The 12th verse calls it a sin against the brethren, and in the 13th verse, if it made his brother to offend, he would

not do it any more while the world standeth. This 8th and 10th chapters are dealing with brothers' consciences. This also means much more than eating meat. It means everything we teach or practice. To prove this read the 31st to finish of the 10th chapter. "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or *whatsoever* ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God. Even as I please all men in all things not seeking mine own profit but the profit of many that they may be saved." When we fail to do these things, we not only wound the conscience of some, but bind our own until we can not say with the apostle Paul, "I have a conscience void of offence toward God and man." If we will follow the injunction of the Apostle in Rom. 14: 19- 21, we will "follow after the things which make for peace" and do nothing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak. If all would learn how to behave in the house of God (1 Tim. 1: 15), fellowship would increase. Every true child of God has a tender conscience. I know of only one way to bring about true fellowship, and that is to make our lives compatible with the Word and life of Jesus Christ. Some say we can be agreed on the Word but not on the traditions of the Church. Paul said, hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle. Tradition is a doctrine, principle or practice handed down orally from one to another. When written by the apostles it is made inspired tradition or gospel. There are many things the Church teaches against (without direct command) which we see is detrimental to spiritual life. Then if the watchman on the walls of Zion see some of these things coming in that the Church has always taught against, and he warn the brethren, is he a division-maker? No, it is not crying against those things that is the cause of division, but the thing that is allowed to come in makes the division, regardless of what we think about the wrong or right of the thing itself. It is the innovation that makes these shameful splits. If all the saints could see this, the evil of division could be corrected to some degree. Strife, division and every evil work would be eliminated. The ugly words of *fanaticism* and *compromise* would be forgotten and all would be as Jesus prayed in John 17. We would not have to sign an article of agreement to agree. "Brethren, we have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh." (Gal. 5: 13) or to satisfy fleshly desires by putting on things for adornment, for show. What is the remedy? The blood. And then walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of

the flesh, and there will be no occasion to go down into Egypt for help. Isa. 31: 1.

It is not my intention in this to offend or hurt any. God forbid. The devil has started a whirlpool. When honest souls get too close they are drawn under. Just obey the injunction of the Apostle Paul in 1 Thess. 5: 22. "Abstain from all appearance of evil," and God will preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom. Farewell.

— G. E. Harmon

## "The Iron Did Swim"

A very wonderful fact. Wait a moment, why do you think this? "Ah," you may reply, "because iron does not naturally swim." Why not? "Because it is too heavy." Why is it too heavy? What is heaviness, and how did it come about? Do you see what I mean? The Power that could make iron at all, and give it heaviness has already done a more wonderful thing than making it swim! The EXISTENCE of iron and of water is a miracle. Men often speak of miracles as if REPEATED things are not wonderful. But why should anything become less a miracle, because it takes place twice, three times, often—daily? GOD'S arrangements in nature are ALL miracles, and the "mind" that thinks about them, and yet unwisely says, "I do not see a miracle," is itself a miracle. Truly, men can do an ordinary action, but they need "life," which is a miracle, and "things" which exist by miracle, to do the simplest work. "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches" (Psa. 104: 24). Always honour God in His wonderful works. All nature tells us of Him.

We notice unusual things; some men say that some "unusual" things cannot take place. How can they say so? Cannot "I" lift up that which will fall down without me? Of course I can. I use some other "law" which God has put in nature to prevent the usual falling. Then surely God Himself can use unseen laws, or work just as He pleases, to change that which we expect as a rule. And so "the iron did swim." I like to think of God's power in all the works of His hands. "He spake and it was done," "He sendeth forth His commandment upon the earth, stormy wind fulfilling His word." Thus the Lord Jesus could say "Peace, be still," and at once there was a great calm.

So the nearly 3,000 years old history of 2 Kings 6 reminds a Christian that he can trust God for everything—yes, everything. Prayer is real to a believer. Trouble came along to this man—the loss of his iron axe head was a serious matter to him, but God met his

need. And if I am God's child, born into His family by the death of the Lord Jesus, I can bring everything to God. Such verses as Matthew 6: 33 and Phil. 4: 6 are realities to those who love Him. If they have needs, they bring them to God. We remember 1 Kings 17: 14; 2 Kings 4: 1- 7, and many passages in the later Scriptures. A Christian boy at school can pray about his lessons, a young man can ask God about daily work, a believing girl can have God's guidance in the home, and God answers prayer when things seem unlikely, or impossible:—the 'iron' shall 'swim.' Those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Saviour have no Heavenly Father to whom to go. They are to be pitied, however merry they try to make themselves—for a little time.

Now turn to 2 Kings 6 for a delightful picture of God's way of salvation. Some young men were building a house near Jordan, and the axe head of one fell off into the river. It was lost. Here is a twofold picture of the sinner. Like the man, he HAS lost his power of doing what he ought to do, and, like the axe head, he IS himself lost. We ought to serve God; but our powers that should be serving Him are "dead." The man felt his need. (Do we feel ours?) Moreover, he was responsible: that which was lost was not his own. And the sinner is thus unable to pay his debt, for his life and strength belong to God.

The man went to God's servant whose name means "Salvation." The Lord Jesus is the True Salvation. A work had then to be done to obtain the lost axe head. Those who come to Christ can rejoice in a work that has already been done. But the work then necessary was a helpful type or picture. One living branch was cut down that, through this "death," it might take the place of the iron, for the deliverance of the iron, contrary to nature. And the Lord Jesus the Living One, Who would not have sunk in any waters of judgment, for any personal actions, took the guilt of sinners upon Himself, and became the One Substitute of His people, that they might have that which is contrary to nature, and altogether by grace (Eph. 2: 8; Rom. 11: 24). Such is God's salvation today. Is it yours?

And what was the result? The iron could be taken right out of the waters of judgment, to do the work of preparing a house,—the service it ought to have done, but which it could not do when "dead,"—could not do except through the work of "Another," going into the very judgment "instead." Ah, dear reader, Christ is the Only Hope. And, thanks be unto God, "the iron DID swim": it was a fact. And so today none trust the Lord Jesus in vain. He changes everything.

—Sel.

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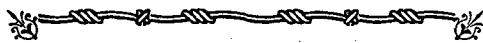
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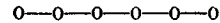
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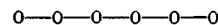
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## EDITORIALS

Since the last *Faith and Victory* paper was mailed out the Lord has given us much work to do in His vineyard. Sixty-nine thousand tracts have been printed, nine thousand booklets made up, tracts and papers sent forth through the mail continually—more than usual. The Lord blessed in a meeting at the county farm and some of the dear old people were at the altar for salvation. Services have been held in the jail and papers and tracts given. Also we visited the congregation at Oklahoma City and found them pressing on in the true and holy way. Our labor has been from six o'clock in the morning until ten and eleven o'clock at night. The Lord has sustained us and encouraged our hearts to boldly fight against sin and evil of every kind. We rejoice to be in his service and shall move on with the Lord regardless of what others do or say. We shall get to heaven after we have done the last thing He has told us to do.



The little book, "God's Gracious Dealings" is proving a blessing to many precious souls and many orders have been coming in for the book. Many that read the books send in for more books to give to friends. This book will make an excellent book to send to your friends for Christmas presents. They will be postpaid to you for fifteen cents each, two for a quarter or ten for one dollar. They are bound with neat, fixed paper cover. One Sister wrote, "Since I have read the little book I know now that you have the truth of the Bible." It is an inspiration to souls to have faith in God and many read it over several times. You should co-operate with us in getting these books to needy souls. Send two subscriptions and get the book free.



My son, Lawrence, who has been faithfully helping us in the printing work for several years and who now edits the "Young People's Section" of this paper, was united in marriage on November 18th to Miss Mae Belle Miles who lived near Neosho, Mo. On Friday the 17th we drove up there in the car and stayed over Sunday. A meeting was in progress at Neosho and we enjoyed the meeting and fellowship of the saints. Lawrence brought his bride back to Guthrie and they will be at home at 611 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. after Dec. 1st. Lawrence will continue to help us in the office work, also his wife assisting. We ask the saints to pray for this young couple. Sister Mae Belle has been saved several years and is interested in the salvation of souls and the furtherance of His cause.

Very few people seem to realize the goodness of God. They take the things that God is giving freely and use them to gratify their lusts and natural appetites and never think of thanking God for them.

In the 11th verse of the 29th chapter of Jer. we find a precious scripture which reads, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end." The Lord has no thought of doing us evil, but those who rebel bring evil upon themselves. Most people who live in sin expect to have a good ending. God wants to give it to you, but he can only do so as you become obedient and through faith in Christ walk in righteousness. His great love, goodness and mercy is expressed in the gift of His Son. The sacrificing of Jesus Christ His Son reveals the good thoughts of God toward us, for through Him we have life, and without believing in Him the penalty of death would continue to hang over us.

It is astounding to note the records and see the enormous amount of divorces that is granted to dissatisfied married people. It seems that people have grown so hard at heart that they no longer respect the sacredness of marriage vows. Jesus told the Pharisees that Moses granted them a writing of divorcement because of the hardness of their hearts, but from the beginning it was not so (Matt. 19: 8). The Bible teaches plainly against divorcing and re-marriage. Those who put away their wives or husbands and marry another committeth adultery, and adultery is sin. The wages of sin is death. The true minister of God will not endorse nor encourage double marriage, but will declare the scriptures and truth on the subject, and then he will be clear from the blood of all men. We cannot force people to obey God's word. God does not compel any person to serve Him. He asks for willing service. He gives us eternal life through obedience, and death and damnation to the disobedient. Some pretended ministers in the country seem to want to force people to obey God's word, and in so doing they get in trouble themselves and mess up others. We knew a preacher one time that made a big profession and he was always talking about marriage, divorces and adultery. It was a hobby with him, and later it developed that he was filled with a free love spirit. I have heard it said that the thing a minister makes a hobby of is the thing that he is the weakest on. In some cases this is certainly true.

Judgment without mercy smacks of hard-heartedness, and will work havoc among God's tender lambs. Many use the Word of God as a club to beat with, and if they continue in that way they will be found class-

ed with the steward recorded in Luke 12: 45 and 46. A minister who is not filled with compassion, love and tender mercy for God's creation is not a true minister of God, no matter how well he may know the scriptures. A true minister will not withhold judgment, but the judgment will be with such warmth of love and compassion that souls can see that they have their soul's interest at heart. They will not be rash and hasty to pass cruel judgment but will seek God for His mind in matters.

In the New Testament, adultery is taught against both by Jesus and the apostles, and those that are in such a condition are committing sin and every true minister will clear himself by teaching the truth on this subject. Those who continue in adultery will reap death and damnation. God will be their Judge.

There is much teaching in the world today about a thousand years' literal reign of Christ on earth. These teachers have various theories on the subject. Every one seems to have his dream or vision. The most damnable and destructive teaching is that sinners will have a chance to get right with God during this time. There is no Bible if rightly interpreted teaches that a man has any opportunity to get right with God after he passes from this body, but the scriptures plainly teach the contrary. Read Matt. 25: 32 and also read John 5: 29. There are some who teach there will be two resurrections, one of the righteous and then a thousand years' reign of Christ before the wicked are resurrected. They do err, not knowing the Scriptures. The first resurrection spoken of in the Bible is the spiritual resurrection when we are resurrected from a dead state of sin by hearing the voice of the Son of God. The second resurrection spoken of is the final, literal resurrection when the just and the wicked shall be resurrected. Some shall come forth to resurrection of life, others that have done evil to resurrection of damnation (Jno. 5: 29).

In the 11th chapter of St. John it is recorded that Jesus resurrected a dead man in a literal sense which typifies the spiritual resurrection or the first resurrection. Those who come up at the first resurrection, the second death (which is eternal banishment from God) will have no power over them, as they have "passed from death unto life." Read John 5: 24. Read the 25th and 26th verses of the 11th chapter of St. John and you will see that those that believe in Christ are resurrected and shall never die. He is speaking here of the first resurrection which believers obtain in this life. Their sins have gone on before to judgment and the final judgment or death will have no power over them to destroy their souls in torment.

## OBITUARY

T. N. Watson was born in Georgia August 4, 1857. Passed away at Midway near Good Pine, La. at 6 a. m. of Oct. 22. 1933; age, 76 years, 2 months and 18 days

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife by his second marriage, three sons and four daughters by his first marriage, one brother, one sister, 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren besides other relatives and numerous friends.

He made his peace with God 40 years ago and when he neared death he said all was well, that he knew he had made mistakes but felt they were all under the blood and that he was ready to go. Death had no terror for him but looked forward to it as a welcome event. He fulfilled the scripture, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep," for many times was he found weeping and helping bear the burdens of dear ones who were in any kind of trouble. Then he would rejoice when the fallen, downcast and forsaken ones were lifted up or the poor saints prospered.

When he heard of the death of our dear Bro. C. E. Orr he quoted the scripture, "A good name is better than precious ointment and the day of death than the day of one's birth." Eccl. 7: 2. And as he examined his life he said, "I can say with the apostle Paul, 'We have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.' (2 Cor. 7: 2)" He missed dear Brother Orr so much and followed close behind—passed away exactly a month to the day after Brother Orr.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Jack Wiggins, assisted by Bro. Oscar Williamson. Text, Psa. 16: 15. He was laid to rest in the Jena, La. cemetery by the side of his former wife.

— Mrs. Katherine Watson

## Holiday Assembly Meeting

The Church of God Assembly meeting will be held at Guthrie, Okla. this year as usual, beginning on December 22nd and lasting through the holidays. The chapel is located on the corner of 6th and W. Warner Sts.

From reports coming in there will be a large attendance, and the saints here at Guthrie are making every preparation to care for all they can. As this is a state meeting, we want to ask all those coming to especially remember to bring all the bedding you will need, if possible, as bedding has been lacking in meetings past. Let every saint and congregation do

all they can to supply provisions and means for this meeting, as it will be run on the free-will offering plan as the Scriptures teach. Send or bring all provisions for the meeting to G. W. Winn, 1311 West Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Send means or money for the meeting to Fred Pruitt, 920 W. Mansur Ave. Guthrie, Okla. Let every one do all they can to please God in helping this meeting through prayer and otherwise.

All are welcome to attend this meeting except the devil and any of his agents who are fault-finders and trouble-makers. Those who have differences to settle with others, please leave them at Jesus' feet before coming to this meeting. To mote-hunters we would refer them to Matt. 7: 3, "Consider the beam that is in thine own eye."

This meeting is held for the edifying of the saints, the upbuilding of God's kingdom in the earth and for the salvation of souls. Justification, sanctification, divine healing and the oneness of God's people will be preached according to the Scriptures. Able ministers from this state and other states will be present to expound the Word. Those needing to be saved, sanctified and healed should attend these services.

We desire the prayers of all the saints for the success of this meeting. — By order of Board.

## Special Notice!!

In our correspondence with the publishers concerning the printing of the new song book, they informed us that the copyrights and securing privileges of using some songs would be costly. We will quote a portion of letter received so our readers will understand the situation clearly.

"I have gone into the matter of the songs which you have selected for a book, and I find that the expense would be considerable to make a book from the selections you made, for the reason that many of the copyrights would be rather expensive. Since the books were printed, a great many changes have been made in the ownership of songs. The songs that we used to get at \$3, \$4, and \$5 each, we would now have to pay as much as \$50 and some they will not allow us to have at all. We can publish the songs in the books that we have under our old permissions but we cannot change the books. We might possibly add a few songs that you would particularly want as a supplement in the back of the book, but we have to print "Select Hymns" or "Reformation Glory" entire as it is without any changes.

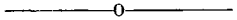
"We can furnish you with "Select Hymns" at a much lower price; in fact I am sure if you would take 1500 copies we could get you a price of fifty cents each. This would be much cheaper than we could furnish you your own selections for, even though we id not have to pay for copyright privileges."

Most of those to whom we have talked about this matter say that they would rather have the "Select Hymn" book just as it is. If there are any who have sent in means for the songbook and wish to withdraw their order because we cannot get the song book printed from the selections made, they have the privilege to do so.

According to the above letter, we can get the "Select Hymns" reproduced at fifty cents each providing we take fifteen hundred. We urge all who want books to send in their money for same right away. A good many have sent in, but not near enough to make the fifteen hundred. So let every individual saint and congregation do their best and do it soon so these books can be printed.

They also told us in their letter. if the books were furnished in 100 lots, they would have to charge a little higher price than if we took 1500 at one time.

There are only 162 books subscribed for at present, and it will take the fifteen hundred books to get the fifty cent rate. Surely there is some saved person some where that has some of the Lord's money to put in these books. Then we could sell the books from this office and return their money as the books were sold. The *Select Hymns* song book is the best song book the saints have ever had, and we should take advantage of this opportunity to keep the book in print. Let every one do all they can to get this book printed. The song books will cost a little more than fifty cents by the time the freight and postage charges are added. It would cause many saints sorrow of heart if they knew that they could never buy any more *Select Hymns*. Let each one do all they can to preserve this book.



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### NOTICE

To the saints scattered abroad: We, the congregation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, there being about sixteen in number, were very much in need of a building at this place, so we felt led to do our best to raise money to build. We started one month ago and the Lord is blessing our efforts, but we need all the prayers of the church scattered abroad. We have a building drawn and each dollar we get toward our building makes another colored stone. In this first month we have put in seven stones.

We want to have our building finished for the

camp-meeting next year. All that feel led to help us out, we will appreciate it very much. Above all, pray for God to give all of us work so we can put our best efforts in this work here. We feel there are other places we need to help out next year.

We have some new saints moving here, so we will ask all the dear saints again to pray for God to help us to gain some new converts here.

*Signed,*

— Tulsa Saints

In care of H. J. Barton. 223 S. Florence St.,  
Tulsa, Okla.

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## A Step At A Time

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Satan does not always lead people into big sins all at once, but silently and almost imperceptibly a step at a time. By gradual, slow degrees he leads people away and astray from the narrow path of right and light into small sins at first and then into great sins, great crimes. Beware, O traveler to eternity, of the little sins. The Old Testament says it is the little foxes that spoil the vines, or it hints at it strongly that such is the case. Really, little sins lead to big ones. First it is a little social gathering for the young people, then a play party, then a small, private dance, next a public dance, and at last a dance at the big dance hall with drunkards and the scum of the earth.

A step at a time Satan has led the churches until they are little like they used to be. First a little pride in dress and worldly adornment, then a little more and a little more until now professed Christians dress much like the sinners. Preachers have preached a little less and a little less and a little less of Bible truth until today you hear biology, science, mathematics, history and astronomy, instead of the pure word of God. The churches a step at a time have drifted away from the old paths. It was a gradual departing not all at once.

— A. W. Luse

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## Evil Days

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“Rejoice with those who do rejoice and weep with those who weep.” Paul was writing to the Roman brethren. He wanted them to ‘be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.’ For all the law is fulfilled in the word ‘love’, (not self love) for he that loveth his brother loveth God also.

“For in the last days perilous times shall come, for men will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” Who can find the love of God close to them, shed abroad in some humble child of God. Find

one and you find one despised in the eyes of the world. Often their name cast out as evil. The worldly eye can not see the straight and narrow way.

God’s ways are not our ways. Our ways would be oftentimes to take things in our own hands, arise and defend ourselves, instead of standing still and seeing God’s salvation. God’s ways are ways of peace though often we are surrounded by evil on all sides. But no weapon formed against us shall prosper. They will fall useless on all sides. Just as long as we watch and pray, we can be such overcomers that the trials will be only stepping stones to help us on the upward way.

We are in the evil days. Men love pleasure, and ease. Are always too busy to stop in their rush for gain to increase their treasures to read and meditate on God’s goodness, or talk to a neighbor, or do some simple task; tie up a cut finger, sew on a patch for some weary one who can not do it for himself.

Who is there on the Lord’s side who has the love to inquire how his brother is supplied, who has the love to impart the coat to him that has none? O yes I will buy me a new coat, and if I can find no use for the old one, I will give it to some one. I am really ashamed of it myself; the Lord’s cause and the poor will get all I have no use for. Is this the love offering, the sacrifice to God? Do we only lend to the Lord our ‘cast-offs’? Is this how we would do God’s will by “sell what we have and give alms,” send on to the bank of heaven only the things we do not need in the earth? I fear few are of Christ’s spirit. They want to serve themselves first to all the best, and what is of no use to them they will give freely to the Lord. “These do mind the things of the flesh.” And God is second in their lives. They envy any good some one else receives, and covet others’ blessings, but the way of God is plain, even though man’s ways seem more reasonable. God’s ways are best in the end. God’s ways are straight and narrow, but lead to life.

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Watervliet, Mich. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: As I have been led to the Lord by reading these wonderful little papers, I feel it my duty to get as many out to others as I can. So many wonderful messages; I thank God for each one.

May the dear Lord bless you in your good work for Him, and encourage you to go on. The little paper has been a real blessing in helping me through many trials. Yours in Christ. —Mrs. Will Rodewald.



# « Young People's Section »

## God's Love To Me

A miserable sinner was I, was I;  
In my heart a pain, on my lips a sigh,  
And deeper I sank as the sea beat high—  
For where is the sin that will satisfy?

Then lifting my eyes above the wave  
I looked to Jesus, the mighty to save.  
Though seas were high and thunders loud,  
I saw like a vision God's love in the cloud.

So I cried to Him and Jesus came  
Saving and cleansing, praise His name!  
He rescued me from the waves that roll  
And gave me a joy that fills my soul.

And I travel now on the narrow path  
That leads away from the seas of wrath,  
Leads away to a Heavenly home  
Where Jesus reigns and the saved ones come.

— Anna Marie Pruitt

## EDITORIALS

Diligence in observing certain points given in the Bible will aid your spiritual life. We will notice a few for our benefit.

Begin right. "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Jno. 1:12. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. For he that is dead is freed from sin." Rom. 6: 4, 5, 7.

Confess Christ before men. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10: 32.

Study the Bible. "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Pet. 2: 2. No one has ever backslidden who has fed upon the Word of God regularly.

Pray always. "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess.

5: 17. Prayer is essential. David and Daniel prayed three times a day. Read Psa 55: 17 and Daniel 6: 10.

Work for Christ. "For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Matt. 25: 29. The talent used, whether one, two, or five, will gain others. You will reap if you faint not.

Give freely. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16: 1, 2.

Press on faithfully. Perfect manhood in Christ is the goal. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4: 13.

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A number of testimonies were received from the young saints for this issue. May the Lord bless each one. Let us pray the Lord to help us to make this section a greater blessing and more helpful all through the coming year of 1934. Seek to be led by the Spirit in all things.

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It would be very beneficial if each one would take time each day to read and study carefully the daily Bible readings for home study which are found on following pages.

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Items suitable for Christmas presents are listed on another page. Above all, in this season keep in memory and reverence the most precious Gift ever given to this world — *God's own Son*. — L. D. P.

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Shawnee, Okla. —Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I feel the dear Lord would have me testify through *Faith and Victory*.

I truly thank the Lord for this little paper. It is an encouragement to me and real food for my soul. I pray God to bless those who publish it, and every one that contributes to have it published and sent out.

I praise the Lord this morning for what He means to me. Today finds me saved and sanctified and fully submitted to the will of the Lord. I am so glad that He led me out of darkness into this wonderful light.

I have been going through a trial lately. One night while praying, as I said, "Yes, Lord," to His whole will and asked Him to work out His plan in my life, a strong hand was placed on my shoulder. I said, "Lord, what would you have me do?" I then saw a vision of myself out a short distance with that hand on my shoulder, and a voice said, "My hand is upon you because I have anointed you to preach the gospel." I said, "Lord, have your way." The glory flooded my soul. Praise the dear Lord.

Dear young people, I desire your prayers. There is so much to be done and such a few young people who will take up the cross and follow Jesus. Let us be willing to bear the cross for our Savior. Some of the older saints as dear Bro. Orr are laying down the cross to take up the crown. Others will be slipping away to Glory, and the Lord's work will be left to the younger. Let us live close to the Lord so He can depend upon us. May we let this true light shine forth in our lives and live up to the standards of the dear old Bible which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Sister in Christ, — Rada Belcher.

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear Brother: Greetings in Jesus' name. Today finds me saved and encouraged to follow Christ all the way.

I am a young Brother. I enjoy very much the Young People's Section of your paper. All of the paper is good. Enclosed you will find a few stamps.

Your Bro. in Christ, — Preston Davis.

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Boley, Okla. —Dear young saints: Greeting you in Jesus' precious name. I am thanking the Lord for salvation. I have it settled in my heart to follow the Lord all the way. I am rooted deeper in the ways of God and determined to press the battle on.

Dear young people, let us not allow ourselves to be brought into bondage to the elements of this world but let us follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit into all truth, realizing God will protect His own. Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3: 13- 15. So let us not faint by the way, knowing that God is a present help in the time of every need. Pray for me.

Yours, in His service, — Velma S. Carter.

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Webb City, Mo. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This evening I feel led by the spirit of God to send in a little testimony to the young

saints and to tell of how I love my blessed Lord who looked down in mercy upon me and saved my soul. Praise His sweet name forever.

Dear ones, when I think how wonderful God is to all His children, it makes my heart swell with joy to know I am one of His children and that all is well with me and my Lord. Saints, let's be up and doing for Him because He is doing so much for us—how He heals our bodies, supplies our needs and keeps us from harm and danger day by day. Oh there is so much for us to do, as the song says, "The wheat is white to harvest and the laborers are few." How true this is! Time is so short and the enemy of our soul is busy, and we also must be busy, for we have much to fight and to overcome. Oh let's not give up; we can't give up. We would not only lose our own soul but might be the cause of the loss of some other poor soul who is watching us. So put on the whole armor of God, and also watch and pray, and pray while we watch. For I know to keep close to God and to have His approval upon us it takes this every day.

When I hear of the older saints passing on to Glory, it always makes me stop and think that it means we that are younger will have to step up and forward. We have no time to become discouraged, or think of this world.

I have been saved almost a year now, and every day grows sweeter and brighter. How I do love my Savior and to do His will at all times. My only regret is that I didn't start sooner. I do love to read His Word; it is food to my soul. I read Psalms 103 of how merciful God is to those who are willing to forsake the old world and put their whole trust in Him.

Saints, let's keep moving on for God—that is the desire of my heart and believe it is that way with every child of God. I want my life to tell for Jesus and His mercy. So pray for me that I will keep low at His feet and to let this old dark world know there is reality in salvation. Your Sister in Christ,

— Glenna Taylor.

## Take Courage

I feel like it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to write some for the paper. I am glad God has a few that will stand true to Him, and are willing to bear the cross for Him. God is the one we should look to when trials and tests come our way. I am glad the Lord tells us to cast all our cares upon Him. He will always see us through if we keep true to Him. I have been serving the Lord for over five years. He never has failed me yet. We see by His word that He will not. Praise His holy name. Young saints and all, be

encouraged! The Lord is still on His throne; His eyes are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. (1 Peter 3: 12).

The Lord has something for all of his people to do. It may not be very much, but the Lord gives it to us to do. The devil may tell us that what we are doing doesn't amount to much. But it is just as great in the Lord's sight as something big. It is our duty to resist the devil, and refuse to listen to him.

The other day my head and eyes were hurting me so badly. I got my sisters to pray for me, but I did not get healed the first time, so I had them to pray again and the good Lord healed me so that I went to sleep that night and slept all night. Saints, we are serving a wonderful God. Toil on a while longer; our reward will come at last. — Myrtle Glass.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Meno, Okla. —May the richest blessings of God abide with all the saints and readers of the Faith and Victory paper. I am thanking the dear Lord for the peace in my soul and the sweet fellowship with all the saints everywhere, and for the fasting and praying they have done for my healing. That was always my heart's desire for the Church to fast and pray for me, but I never did feel worthy to put the request in. I thank Sister Sam Barton for showing so much love toward me. May the richest blessings of God abide with her and her husband and family. May God also bless those who wrote encouraging letters and cards to me. They were very much help and encouragement. I can't give you the reward of taking so much interest in my healing, but there is One who will—that is God.

I guess everyone wishes to know how I am feeling. The week before the fasting and while the fasting was going on, it seemed like I was healed. I rested good day and nights, and people said I looked so much better. I was enjoying the victory very much. But it seemed like after the first fasting I was tried harder than ever before. The Friday before the second fasting it seemed like I took sick with pneumonia which I am still suffering with. But the asthma spell has left me since the 15th. The night of the 15th I took such bad spells that I had to call the family around to pray for me. I was close to death's door. But thank the dear Lord, after prayer was offered the smothering spells left me and I rested, and they are still gone. But my lungs hurt and I have to cough.

I don't have anything to do with remedies. I threw them in Satan's face. My husband and I have been searching our lives very closely that if there was anything displeasing in the sight of the Lord He

should reveal it to us. We want the saints to continue praying for us that if there is any thing that is a hinderance to my healing for the Lord to reveal it to us.

As I am a mother of seventeen children and five of which have gone over yonder, it makes me homesick for heaven. But on account of the rest of the children I am willing to stay to train them for the good Lord. I believe in being common on every line, and by God's help I am training my children the same way. I am thanking God that the seven oldest children are sweetly saved and living for the Lord, and am trusting the Lord to save the rest of the children.

The reason I was so slow about putting in my testimony was because I still cough some. But the Lord can take the coughing away the same as He did the smothering spells. Your Sister, —Mrs. D. A. Eck

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Louin, Miss. —Dear saints and readers of *Faith and Victory*: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am glad I can truly say I am saved today and on my way to heaven.

We had a wonderful meeting. It was real food and encouragement to the soul. I am determined to live true at any cost.

Dear souls, it means much to be a Christian. It is going to take a close walk with God to ever enter that city whose builder and maker is God. There are many professors but few possessing. This is sad to think about. Professors are a disgrace in the world. We also have people who are deceived who think they are Christians when they are not. This is still a sadder picture to me. They are almost good-enough for heaven, but there is a little something in the way. Dear souls, let us take heed that our hearts be not deceived. If we miss heaven, we have missed it all.

Our hearts were made sad to hear of Bro. Orr's and Bro. T. N. Watson's death. Words cannot express our sympathy. I sure did like to read after Bro. Orr. He was a wonderful writer. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, saith the spirit, that they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.' Rev. 14: 13.

I want to ask all the saints to pray for me that I may be healed. I have been afflicted all my life. I can't speak plain. If it could be the Lord's will, I would like to be made well. If not, I'm content like this in His own sweet way. God's way is best.

I sure do enjoy the little Faith and Victory paper. May the Lord always bless you in the printing work, is my prayer. Your Sister in Christ,

— Novella Pugh.

Fallis, Okla. —Dear loving saints of God and readers of Faith and Victory paper: With much holy love I write these few lines to let you know I am still on the Lord's side fighting for the right. I did not meet with the saints during the past summer while our Father's table was set and his children was gathered around feasting on the Word of God, so I thought to write and let you know that I was with you in prayer that the good Lord might save souls into His kingdom, for we are truly living in the last days. Many things Christ told us has come to pass. We that are saved can rejoice at the thought of Christ coming, for we know that He is coming after us.

Dear saints, I will be with you in the Christmas Assembly meeting in Guthrie if the Lord is willing. The good Lord is doing some wonderful healing in our family. We are in a real dark part of the world, and I ask the saints to pray that we do the work that God gives us to do. Pray that the Lord will send more laborers in this part of the vineyard. Your Sister, saved and sanctified, — Ellen Chandler.

Natchitoches, La. —Dear faithful ones in Christ: I am glad and so thankful to send greetings of Christian love to all of God's dear ones. It fills me with unspeakable joy just to think of Jesus and His merciful dealings with poor, unworthy me. Oh, He is my helper in every time of need, my leader, provider and healer and more than life to me.

All of us have been sick this year, and with nothing but the blood of Jesus we are all up again. I prayed that the dear Lord would let me live to see and hear my little eleven-year-old baby girl confess Jesus Christ, and while very sick she confessed saving grace in His name. Now all of my children are on the King's highway. Glory to the name of Jesus. He has anointed my head with the oil of joy, and this morning my cup is running over. I am encouraged to press on and on.

I pray God to stir our hearts that we may give more of our time and means for God's cause. Words cannot express how the Lord has blessed me through the Faith and Victory paper. May the gospel ever flow through its pages to wherever man is found.

Dear saints, remember me and mine in prayer, for I am nearer my home today than ever before. Your Sister in Christ, — Mary J. Shannon.

Batchelor, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I want to praise the Lord for all that He does for us and for His wonderful healing power. I suffered from indigestion for three or four years. Would have severe pains around my heart that would sometimes

last for days. I couldn't lie down at night or hardly do my work. Bro. Orr and saints of Hammond prayed for me and I improved so much. Have been almost entirely well for nearly a year, but within the last week I have had another attack. Please pray that I be healed completely and always do His will.

We enjoy "Faith and Victory."

—Mrs. R. S. Myers.

Salt Creek, Okla. —Greeting to all the dear saints. I am glad to report victory tonight. I am saved to sin no more, living to all I know to please the dear Lord. The Lord is so dear to me. He is my all and all, and without Him I can do nothing. I am satisfied with Jesus alone. I am going to give the Lord every moment of my life, for I feel that heaven will be cheap at any cost. We read in God's Word, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." So I see that I have to be faithful to the dear Lord. If we obey the dear Lord He will keep us in touch with heaven where He can talk to our hearts and we can go through with victory in our souls over the enemy. I am praying the Lord to help me to be an overcomer at all times. Your Bro. —J. T. Johnson

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**Sunday, Dec. 3, 1933.**

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Nov. 27 — Paul in Ephesus. Acts 19: 8-20.
- Nov. 28 — The Riot At Ephesus. Acts 19: 23-29.
- Nov. 29 — The message to the Ephesians. Eph. 1: 1-14
- Nov. 30 — Spiritual Conflict. Eph. 6: 10-28.
- Dec. 1 — Jehovah Our Strength. Psa. 27: 1-6.
- Dec. 2 — An Affectionate Parting. Acts 20: 28-38.
- Dec. 3 — Devotional Reading. Isa. 40: 18-23.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 19: 8- 20.

SUBJECT — Paul in Ephesus

8. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10. And this continued by the space of two years

so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12. So, that from his body were brought unto the sick, handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13. Then certain of the vagabond Jews exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew and chief of the priests, which did so.

15. And the evil spirits answered and said, Jesus I know; but who are ye?

16. And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them and overcame them and prevailed against, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Memory Verse—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5: 10.

Central Thought — God protects His servants through the persecutions and all intended ill-treatment of the enemy.

Practical Truth — The word of God preached in the Spirit against idolatry will liberate honest souls.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

Impress on the minds of your pupils that an idol is not always an image of gold, silver, stone or wood, but anything unduly loved.

#### Introduction

Paul's third missionary journey about 54 - 58 A. D. was designated by his ministry at Ephesus, one of the populous cities of Asia Minor and the seat of worship to the goddess Diana whose original temple here was one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.'

#### EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

As Paul's custom was, he began his regular work in the synagogue of the Jews and labored there three months. The burden of his ministry being "the things

concerning the kingdom of God," some accepted his teaching, but others in unbelief brought on such persecution that Paul decided the synagogue was not the best place for his purpose to get the truth to the people, and moved to the school-room of Tyrannus who was a friend and sympathizer, if not a convert and disciple, of Paul. This proved a good place for the work Paul was engaged in, and for the period of two whole years the work was carried on without opposition and was so fruitful that the word says, "All they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."

In this city where magic arts were widely practised, it was no wonder God endowed Paul with miraculous power far above their achievements. We learn from this lesson that it is not safe to attempt to do what some one else has done without the same experience and power. Verses 14 -16.

Paul no doubt went to the different cities himself and laid the foundation for the "seven churches in Asia."

#### Sunday, Dec. 10, 1933

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 4 — Paul Accused. Acts 24: 1- 9.

Dec. 5 — Paul's Defense. Acts 24: 10. 23.

Dec. 6 — Faith and prayer in trouble. Psa. 86: 11-17.

Dec. 7 — Divine Help Assured. Mark 13: 9- 13

Dec. 8 — A Good Conscience. 1 Peter 3: 8- 17.

Dec. 9 — The Approval of Conscience. 1 John 3: 13- 24

Dec. 10 — Devotional Reading. Psalms 2: 1- 8.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 24: 10- 23.

SUBJECT — Paul in Caesarea.

10. Then Paul after the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11. Because that thou mayest understand that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues nor in the city.

13. Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

15. And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust.

16. And herein do I exercise myself to have always

a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men.

17. Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18. Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitudes, nor with tumult.

19. Who ought to have been here before thee and object if they had aught against me.

20. Or else let these same here say if they have found any evil doing in me while I stood before the council.

21. Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them. Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22. And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down I will know the utmost of your matter.

23. And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

Memory Verse — And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man. Acts 24: 16.

Central Thought — A prisoner defending his own case successfully.

Practical Truth — Paul's trueness to his call here in this place, enabled him to fulfill the will of God. Acts 23: 11.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

Beginners—Impress on their minds Paul's successful missionary trips, and his return.

Juniors—A prisoner before a King.

Adults and Young People—How to have a good conscience and Christ's way of life.

#### EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

A few days after Paul was brought to Caesarea some members of the Sanhedrin with the high priest, brought a lawyer named Tertulus to appear before the governor against Paul. First charge was sedition among the Jews throughout the world. Second, of heresy and a ringleader of the Nazarenes. Third, of profaning the temple and they no doubt thought they had presented their side of the case that it could not be denied.

But Paul answered for himself after the governor had beckoned for him to speak, and in the 10, 11, 12 and 13 verses he denied their charges, but in verse 14 he confesses that after the "way they call heresy so

worship I the God of my fathers," and he had hope toward God which they also allow regarding the resurrection, and his clear conscience regarding the matter. He in verses 17, 18, 19 and 20 and 21 further defends his point, and when Felix heard him, having greater knowledge of that way deferred them and turned Paul over to the centurion, commanding him to treat Paul courteously, and he would know the utmost of his matter when Lysias the chief captain should come.

#### Sunday Dec. 17, 1933

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 11 — Arriving in Rome. Acts 28: 11- 22.

Dec. 12 — Preaching in Rome. Acts 28: 23- 31.

Dec. 13 — A Happy Prisoner. Phil. 1: 12- 21

Dec. 14 — Faithfulness Rewarded. 2 Tim. 2: 1- 13

Dec. 15 — A Message to the Romans. Rom. 1: 1- 12.

Dec. 16 — Love Fulfilling the Law. Rom 13: 8- 14

Dec. 17 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 23.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION, Acts 28: 11- 22, 30, 31

#### SUBJECT — Paul in Rome.

11. And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pallux.

12. And landing at Syracuse we tarried there three days.

13. And from thence we fetched a compass and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14. Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days; and so we went toward Rome.

15. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and the three taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage.

16. And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17. And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them. Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18. Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19. But when the Jews spake against it I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

## EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

The kingdom of peace prophesied here is fulfilled in the Church of God. "Upon my holy hill of Zion" and in whom the anointed One has control. No lion, wolf, bear or leopard with all their destructiveness will be in the lives of those who are change by the power of God and made new creatures and fit subjects for this "holy hill of Zion" where righteousness reigns—filled with humility, teachable, even receiving instruction from a child. God grant "the knowledge of the Lord" to many more as the days come and go, for only those who are so prepared will have an entrance into the heavenly kingdom or kingdom of heaven. There's no thousand years' reign in which to prepare. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the time to have the natures that hurt and devour all rooted out, and peace, love and righteousness infilling the heart and life instead.

**Sunday, Dec. 31, 1933**

## HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Dec. 25 — The Life of Paul. Phil. 3: 1- 14.  
 Dec. 26 — Paul's Conversion. Acts 9: 1- 12.  
 Dec. 27 — Paul the Missionary. Acts 13: 1- 7.  
 Dec. 28 — Preaching in Prison. Acts 16: 25- 31.  
 Dec. 29 — Exhortation to Unity. 1 Cor. 1: 10- 18.  
 Dec. 30 — Praying for Friends. Eph. 3: 14- 21.  
 Dec. 31 — Devotional Reading. Psalms 1: 1- 6.

SUBJECT — The Life of Paul.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Phil. 3: 1- 14.

1. Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.
2. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
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;
5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Issachar, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law a Pharisee; blameless.
7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all

things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Memory Verse—I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

Central Thought—Paul's life was a fight for the right from beginning to its end after he was saved from the law.

Practical Truth — The faith Paul guarded and preached is the faith needed in the professed church today in order to win the world to Christ.

## EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

After Paul's three years in Arabia in God's school, he was able to call (1) the covenant rite circumcision, (2) the stock of Israel, the name of God's chosen people, (3) the tribe of Benjamin which with Judah was the two royal tribes, (4) Hebrew of the Hebrews, (5) a Pharisee—most exalted creed of his time, (6) a persecutor of the Church of God. all loss for the possession, knowledge, righteousness, power, fellowship, sacrifice, perfection, activity, influence and reward of Christ; all this and more Paul found in Christ Jesus. and gladly met death at the executioner's hand after he had lived the life of faith which with his co-laborers enabled them to establish churches in Syria, Asia Minor, Europe, etc. His thirteen letters were written between the years 53 and 66 A. D. under very strenuous labor, encouraging the young co-laborers while he was constantly in chains. We should be more grateful to God for Paul's writings perhaps than we are. We learn thereby how one in adverse circumstances can be true to God to the very end of the way.

20. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21. And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

30. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Memory Verse—I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 14.

Central Thought—Paul in chains was no hindrance to the spread of the truth in Rome.

Practical Truth—Finding and fulfilling God's purpose.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

Beginners—Paul was continually chained to a Roman soldier, and yet he entertained all who came unto him. Juniors—Paul's journey to Rome and what an opportunity given by God to preach the truth.

#### EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Paul's arrival in Rome marked the first Roman imprisonment. It was probably in February, 60 A. D. They sailed from Melita in an Alexandrian vessel, "Castor and Pollux". Their first stop was at Syracuse the capital of Sicily where they spent three days. The next stop was at Rhegium, a seaport on the Italian coast where they spent a day. They then sailed in a northerly direction for 80 miles reaching Puteoli on the Bay of Naples. Here the voyage ended, and 140 miles from Rome. This journey was to be made on foot. But the tedious journey was relieved by the meeting of several Roman brethren who came out 40 miles to meet the apostle at Appii Forum; and another company met him at Three Taverns about 30 miles from Rome. Was it any wonder when Paul saw them that "he thanked God and took courage"? On arriving at Rome the prisoners were delivered to those who had charge. While Paul was not placed in a common prison yet he was constantly chained to a Roman soldier and was permitted to live in his own hired house, and for two years preached to all who came unto him. Four of Paul's epistles were written while in bonds, and what an efficient work he no doubt did

among the soldiers guarding him. While preaching the Messiahship of Jesus here in chains he was safer than in Jerusalem with liberty.

**Sunday, Dec. 24, 1933**

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 18 — A Vision of World Peace. Isa. 11: 1- 9.

Dec. 19 — The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9: 1- 7.

Dec. 20 — The Covenant of Peace. Ezek. 34: 25- 31.

Dec. 21 — The Bond of Peace. Eph. 2: 11- 22.

Dec. 22 — The Blessings of Peace. Ezek. 36: 22- 31.

Dec. 23 — Peace on Earth. Luke 2: 8- 20.

Dec. 24 — Devotional Reading. Isaiah 2: 1- 5.

#### SUBJECT — A Vision of World Peace

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Isaiah 11: 1- 9.

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid: and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Memory Verse—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11: 9.

Central Thought—Peace from Christ is assured to all who accept him.

Practical Truth—God's judgments will be just and given in righteousness.