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Where Are The Reapers ?

Oh, where are the reapers, my Father?
And why are the laborers few?
The field is so white unto harvest!
O Father, there's so much to do!

"The reapers are many," he answered:
"I have called forth to harvest a host.
A few have responded; the others
Are sadly neglecting their post.

"One lingers at home for a living,
For fear that I would not supply:
Another shrinks back with, 'I can not,'
And even refuses to try.

"Another is lost in earth's pleasures,
Forgetting the sorrow and pain
Of the sad, sinful multitudes dying;
Another is bent on earth's gain.

"I have called, but my call is unheeded."
Oh, awaken, ye slumberers, I pray!
Awaken! God hasn't forgotten
The call that he gave you; away!

Tear loose from your puny excuses;
For the souls whom your efforts should save
Are daily and hourly sinking
Down, down to a lost, hopeless grave.

Awake! oh, awaken, ye reapers!
God hasn't forgotten 'twas YOU
That He called to the work in his harvest,
Nor the task that He gave you to do.

Think you he'll accept your excuses
And give you a home with the blest?
Think you that of this you're deserving?
'Tis the toilers who're worthy of rest.

Must the Father remain disappointed
In the work He expected of you?
Must it ever be thus: "I've called many,
But those who will answer are few"?
— M. J. H.

Are You Wholly Sanctified ?

The doctrine of sanctification as a second definite work of grace in the heart is very unpopular with a great many professed people. It is not taught much even by many ministers who claim its work, and this is an evidence of degeneration and a lack of esteem of the holiness of God living in the soul.

John Wesley and his brother, Charles, taught sanctification as a second, definite work, and so did nearly all of the early Methodist ministers, but alas, where is it taught and practiced among them now?

Justification or regeneration is a work complete in itself and is received by faith in the work of Christ. In justification all of our actual transgressions are forgiven and blotted out, as God separates them from us as far as the east is from the west and remembers them against us no more. That indeed is a happy state to be in. God never intended for any soul to stop in that state, as a justified condition is only the beginning of what Jesus has purchased for us when He bled and died on the cursed tree.

When the Hebrews were delivered out of Egyptian bondage (which is a type of our justification), it is said that they were only eleven days in making their way to the Jordan river which separated them from the Canaan land (which is a type of our sanctification). While there, they sent out spies, one from each tribe, twelve in number. They spied out the land and on returning, there were only two that had faith to take the land. The names of these two were Caleb and Joshua. God's wrath was kindled against all the others and He caused them to wander in the wilderness in confusion, strife and perplexities for forty

years until all those grown-up ones perished. It is a dangerous thing for any one to stop short of perfect salvation. God speaking through Peter by the Holy Ghost says to us, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Holiness of heart is a sanctified state. A justified soul is in a holy state as far as actual transgressions are concerned, but perfected holiness is sanctification as the second work of the Spirit which destroys carnality, the seed of sin, the planting of Satan that remains in the heart of the justified soul. It cleanses and purifies our affections and gives us power to love the Lord with all the mind and with all the strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Paul says, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all the filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7: 1. In 1 Thess. and 5th chapter he says, "The very God of peace *sanctify you wholly*: and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." If the spirit, soul and body of a man are preserved blameless, there would be nothing left of him to commit sin and he would be truly wholly sanctified. In Hebrews the 12th chapter he says, "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." True and perfect holiness of heart denotes a sanctified condition. Jesus says, "Blessed are pure in heart for they shall see God." Purity of heart is sanctification. In Rom. 15: 16 Paul speaks of the Gentiles (which we are) "being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost fire comes in and purges, purifies and cleanses the soul from defilement, "destroying the works of the devil," (1 John 3: 8) setting us apart for God's sacred use, continuing to reign in the heart and is the "promise of the Father," the Comforter which Jesus said He would send.

There is a growth in grace and knowledge in a justified state, but you do not grow into sanctification. When we see and realize the need of being sanctified and know it to be the will of God, then do we by faith claim the promises and the work of sanctification is instantaneously done. One writer says, "This progressive work of a justified soul may be cut short and finished at any moment, when the intelligence clearly comprehends the defects of the present state, and faith, comprehending the power and willingness of God to sanctify us wholly, and to do it now, is exercised."

In sanctification we do not become perfect in an absolute sense as God is, but our heart is in a perfect-

ly clean condition with an absolute willingness to do all the known will of God. We do not become perfect in knowledge or in understanding like God. If we had all the knowledge and understanding that God has He would cease to be God to us. Men are only good to the extent that God dwells in them. Men are never holy only when God dwells in them.

"Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs:
Their soul is His abode."

Holiness is attainable in this life, for God commands to be holy. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10: 27. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1: 13. These are positive commands and can only be done by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. If holiness is not attainable in this life, then God commands that which cannot be done. Paul says, "Let God be true but every man a liar." Rom. 3: 4.

We get from God what we believe for. If you do not believe that God will forgive you from all sin, you will never get forgiven. If you do not believe that God will sanctify your nature, you will never get sanctified.

A man in order to get sanctified wholly must first sanctify himself—set himself apart and all that he has and ever expects to have, for God's sacred use. Then as he lays it all on the altar as a gift to God, (Christ being the altar) the altar (Christ) will sanctify the gift, the Holy Spirit will come in, purify and cleanse the soul, take up His abode there and proceed to govern, guide and lead the living sacrifice given to God. Rom. 12: 12.

"Oh, matchless bliss of perfect love!
It lifts me up to things above;
It bears on eagles' wings;
It gives my ravished soul a feast,
And makes me here a constant guest,
With Jesus, priests and kings."

Dear reader, I cannot find words to express how clear and sweet the light of purity has shone through the very deepest parts of my soul, the complete satisfaction I have realized since the Comforter came in to stay. Its fullness, its sweetness and its richness can never be expressed. You can know it only by experience and this is your solemn duty. Will you not seek it? A holy life is the happiest life, the safest life and the easiest life you can live. This is the

preparation that Jesus Christ has given us for heaven and immortal Glory. Will you embrace it?

“Jesus, full of love divine,
I am Thine and Thou art mine;
Never shall the altar fire
Kindled on my heart expire.”

— Fred Pruitt.

Brotherly Love

The writer to the Hebrews says, “Let brotherly love continue.” It begins as soon as a person is born again. 1 Jno. 3: 14 says, “He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.” John also says, “We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.” and in 1 Jno. 4: 7, 8 he tells us, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” Also verse 20 shows that it is impossible to be saved and not have brotherly love. Charity, which means the love of God, suffereth long and is kind. “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.”

It is well to remember the means God used in getting us to give up sin and error. How in many cases it was some of his children He used, who were filled with the real melting love of God, and we saw they loved us and cared for our souls, and so we were enabled to put confidence in them, and saw they were our real friends, and thus they were enabled to lead us into the truth.

And, too, it is impossible for the church to prosper in any locality, without brotherly love continuing. Where brotherly love abounds there is not room for coldness or suspicion to stay. Neither can “the accuser of the brethren” be successful in accomplishing his object of getting the brethren to lose confidence in one another, and so breaking the unity of the Spirit. “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” So a person whose heart is filled with brotherly love will not use the tongue in backbiting.

We are told in Matt. 18: 15, “If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone.” It does not say to go first and tell the church, nor does it say to tell the world, but tell him, the one who has trespassed against you. Brotherly love and wisdom are needed in speaking of the faults of others. In the second

chapter of Galatians Paul speaks of Peter being worthy to be blamed, but Paul’s object in writing to the Galatians was to get them free from desiring to be under the law, and to show them the truth of the gospel and to get them to walk in the light of it. He did not speak thus of Peter, only as God was glorified in his making mention of this circumstance. This is far different from merely loving to magnify the faults of others, with a desire to do them an injury. “Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.” “If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body.”

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”

— C. H. T.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dover, Okla. — Dear Saints scattered abroad: Please pray earnestly for Sister Willia Phillips who is sorely afflicted. Her trust is in God and she desires His healing touch.

— Ulysses Phillips

We are in receipt of a letter from the saints at Webb City, Mo., requesting special prayer for Bro. Will Barton who is an evangelist of that congregation. Here is the letter in part: “We at Webb City are still rejoicing in the Lord and having good meetings. Bro. Barton is in bed most of the time. He certainly needs the prayers of all of God’s children, needed so in the home. We want to get hold of God and unite our prayers as one man’s cry unto God in his behalf. Bro. Barton is a willing evangelist, ready to go wherever the Lord leads. There are only a few saints at Webb City, and all willing to give time and means, but there is only one saint here working steady. The Lord has blessed in many ways, yet their rent bills are past due and unpaid.”

Bro. Barton is much in need physically and financially. He is a true saint and worthy of the prayers and support of the saints. Let each one do their duty as God directs in caring for this worthy minister. If you cannot give, you can pray earnestly for him. Send your means to this Office and it will be forwarded direct to him.

Ah, how skillful grows the hand
That obeyeth love’s command,
It is the heart and not the brain
That to the highest doth attain,
And he, who followeth love’s behest,
Far exceeded all the rest. — Longfellow.

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EDITORIALS

Our son, Lawrence and his wife, and our daughter, Anna Marie, have been left in charge of the Office work since wife and I are out in the evangelist work. We are praying every day for them that God will give them needed wisdom, grace and strength to keep every phrase of the printing work going, so the gospel will reach every soul possible. We are also praying that God will bless those who love Him and the souls He died to save, and that they will be so moved by His constraining love that the Office needs will be supplied so the children will not be over-burdened. It is easy for God to talk to a willing and obedient heart.

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Any graceless soul can pick and find fault, but it takes God's grace in the soul to "bear and forbear in love," and to preach constructive and upbuilding truths.

Paul exhorted the brethren to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4: 3. Many brethren today should apply this truth to their own souls so that one of the devil's clubs would be paralyzed.

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The marriage and divorce question seems to be quite confusing to many. The Word of God is so plain on this subject and yet so many preachers and writers wrest the scriptures and give license for adultery and much looseness on this subject, while others get so extreme on this line that they manifest a murdering spirit. Both of these spirits are foreign to the spirit of Christ.

Jesus says in Matt. 5: 32, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery." In the 19th chapter of Matt. Jesus says, "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder. Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so." You notice that He was giving this

truth to the self-righteous Pharisees, and if for them, how truly and surely it would be for us who profess to follow the lowly Jesus. As I see and understand the Scriptures, it would be wrong for a person to marry another with a living companion. The first few verses of the 7th chapter of Romans makes this very positive and clear. I feel sure that condemnation and guilt would be certain to come upon any one in this condition whenever they received true light and knowledge upon the subject.

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Some one sent us a report of the Springfield, Mo. camp-meeting. They report a good meeting and gave the names of four ministers that were there and said that others were present. The person writing it failed to sign their name. As we prefer not to publish anonymous meeting reports, it is not given in full. No doubt this point was overlooked through mistake on the part of the writer.

REPORT OF MEETING AT CLOVIS, N. MEX.

On the 7th of September five of us, Bro. Earl Laughlin, Lavina Wahl, Selma Hiebert, wife and myself, motored to Clovis, New Mexico and commenced a revival meeting in the Saint's Chapel on Sunday, the 9th. At this writing the meeting has been in progress one week, and nearly all the saints, preachers included, have been looking on with wonder at the miraculous way that the Lord has been working. I will not attempt to tell it in detail.

Up to date, the Lord has saved four souls and sanctified four, and graciously healed a number of sick bodies. The Lord began to work in the very first message and has continued to give great liberty and power in the preaching of His word. We have been holding some street meetings and also services at the radio broadcasting station, sending the gospel into the radio land. One man living in the west part of Clovis about a mile from the meeting house heard the message over the radio and become convicted so strongly that he broke down and wept. The next night following that day, the Lord aroused him from sleep while in bed and so convicted him that he awakened his wife, sobbing and crying. She wanted to send and get the ministers to come and pray for him, but he said, no, he would go to them. He and his wife came and awakened us between one and two o'clock. We gathered in the chapel and prayed with them. He got saved and his wife was sanctified. We were acquainted with this man years ago when we lived on the Plains here. His name is Billington. It

was a wonderful prayer meeting, and the power and sweetness of heaven was indeed real. It was so good that Bro. Huskey, the pastor here, said that he had a notion to announce a midnight prayer meeting. The next night or two, a man brought his wife twenty one miles from the country to be healed. She was greatly afflicted and suffering so much that it seemed that life would soon cease unless she got Divine help. He arrived with her in the midnight hours, and so Bro. Huskey had his midnight prayer meeting without announcing it. The Lord graciously healed her body and she was up and around when morning came.

There are many souls under conviction at this writing and we are expecting God to continue to do great things in this meeting.

The next meeting will very likely be held northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bro. George Peek of W. Virginia arrived here several days ago and has been helping in the meeting as God leads and anoints. — Fred Pruitt.

OBITUARIES

Alonzo Nathan Clelland, born Aug. 23, 1885. died Aug. 27, 1934 at his home near Abita Springs, La., aged 49 years and 4 days. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, three brothers and two sisters besides other relatives and friends.

He gave his heart to God about 22 years ago and lived a true devoted life to God, whom he trusted to the end. When death came he was ready to go.

Funeral services were conducted at his home by the writer, and the remains laid to rest in the Waldheim cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Text: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. 14: 13.

"When my life work is ended,
I shall leave all behind:
With the righteous ascended,
Oh what wealth I shall find
In those bright realms of glory
Where forever I'll dwell,
With my Jesus and loved ones,
Where we'll sing, 'All is well.' "

— Mrs. Katherine Watson.

Sister B. Ellen Thom was born at Petrolia, Canada Oct. 3, 1872; died at Whittier, Calif. Aug. 5, 1934. Aged 61 years, 10 months and 2 days. She is survived by her husband, John Thom, and one daughter. Her affiliation, Church of God, corner of Pen and Whittier Sts.

She died in the faith, having received wonderful blessings to her soul in the recent camp meeting. Funeral services by the writer. Text: Rev. 14: 13.

One by one we pass away,
To meet no more 'till the Judgment Day;
But time is swiftly passing by
And soon we'll meet her in the sky.

— G. E. Harmon

SPECIAL NOTICE

The fall Assembly meeting at Chillicothe, Ohio will begin October 7, 1934. Because of the financial depression that has not exempted the Church, we suggest that all come prepared to care for themselves as far as possible, but none need stay away on that account. We will do the best we can.

The chapel is four miles southwest of the city. At courthouse take Paint street south to Puroil station on corner of Route 23 and the Huntington pike. Turn right on Huntington pike two miles and turn to left one mile. This place here is called Liberty Hill. For further information, write to John or Lula Strong, R. 7, or call phone No. 5038Y (Will Michels).

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The Church

The Church that Jesus said He would build is the only New Testament Church. Jesus said unto Peter, "For thou art Peter, and upon this rock (Himself the solid Rock) I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16: 18. It was never to be destroyed. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3: 11. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are build-ed together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Eph. 2: 19- 22. This Church was fully built, organized and set in order by the Lord and the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and the Lord added numbers to it (Acts 2: 47) by the new birth, being born again (John 3: 3, 7), born of water (Word) and of the Spirit (John 3: 5). "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth." James 1: 18. Jesus prayed the Father that He would keep it in His own name. "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one as we are. While I was with them in the world I kept them in thy name." John 17: 11, 12. Now as the Father's name is God, therefore the name is, the Church of God. Paul wrote letters unto the local congregation (church) at Corinth and addressed them unto the Church of God (1 Cor. 1: 2; 2 Cor. 1: 1). It was the Church of God that Paul, when his name was Saul, persecuted. "Beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God and wasted it." Gal. 1: 13. Paul begged the church to preach the same thing (gospel) and to be perfectly joined together (not apart in different sects or denominations called churches) 1 Cor. 1: 10. The Church of God is the only true New Test-

ament church, the only church purchased by the Lord's own blood. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20: 28. The Church of God is the spiritual body of Christ, and Christ is the head of it. He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church (Col. 1: 18). "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him." 1 Cor. 12: 18. The only creed or discipline of the church is the Word of God (Matt. 4: 4; Luke 4: 4). "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17. The door into the Church of God is Christ. "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" John 10: 9. So there are none but saved people which are members of the Church of God, because Christ is the door and one has to be born of God to enter into it. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." 1 John 3: 9. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." 1 John 3: 8. The record of the church of God is kept by the Lord in heaven. "But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10: 20. "To the general assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven." Heb. 12: 23. "My fellow laborers whose names are in the book of life." Phil. 4: 3. So when the Lord keeps the book the members of the Church are not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 6: 14. Now when one is born again of God (John 1: 13; 1 John 3: 9; 5: 18), he is spiritually at home in the Church of God, and needs no other spiritual home that men can offer, but all are at home and members of the one and only spiritual family of God, and are all loving brothers and sisters in the family of God and have the same care. "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Eph. 3: 15. That there should be no schism (division) in the body (the church) but that the members should have the same care one for another." 1 Cor. 12: 25. The Church should not be scattered and divided up in different sect denominations called churches, but should be of one faith. "Stand fast in the faith." 1 Cor. 16: 13. The Lord is not pleased for his people to be divided, but they should assemble themselves together (not apart). "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10: 25. "And hath raised us up together and made us to sit

together." Eph. 2: 6.

The denominations called churches in this country are modern. Not one except the Roman Catholic are over 40+ years old. The first Protestant sect denomination was instituted in 1530. All others have been instituted since then. The Church of God was built by the Lord, fully organized and set in order over 1900 years ago. Every Christian is a member of it. They are added by the Lord through the new birth. There is no command in the New Testament to join church. The Lord's people, when they are saved or born again, should not join a sect church. They should be satisfied at home where they are born and in the place where the Lord puts them, and to be called by the name that they are called by in the New Testament. The Lord still has people scattered in the denominations that have joined them on account of not having clear Scriptural light upon what the Church is and how we become members of it, and also through wrong teaching and training. Many are miserable on account of being yoked up with unbelievers. The Lord is calling them out to remain only at home in the Church of God with their names written in heaven. "Wherefore, *come out from among them* and be ye separate, saith the Lord. And I will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord." 2 Cor. 6: 17, 18. "Come out of her, my people." Rev. 18: 4.

Trust that this article will be a help to lead some dear soul into the clear light of truth on the church question. Your Brother under the Blood of Jesus for the spread of the Truth, — A. Newell.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jefferson, Oregon — Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings: May God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord bless you all is my prayer.

I believe it is to the glory of God to write my testimony, as it may be the very last I will be permitted to write as my health is failing very fast, and I feel sure it will not be long till I shall lay this body down and go and live with Jesus, oh precious thought! I feel sure I can say with Bro. Paul that the time of my departure is at hand, and I am ready to be offered, that I have fought a good fight, that I have kept the faith, and that there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me. Glory be to God. While I have met with some difficulties in life, yet I feel sure I have striven to live with a conscience void of offence toward God and men, and my last testimony is that I

love every man and woman; none have put grief upon me enough to withdraw my love from them, and wherein I may have grieved any and they are not satisfied, I am ready to make the last effort to satisfy.

I can truly say, my way to heaven is very clear, and my prospects bright, and I can hear Jesus say, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." I can also say, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Therefore I am not worrying or troubling, for Jesus said He would go and prepare a place for us, and then He would come and receive us to Himself.

Sometimes I have very intense suffering, but the Lord gives me relief when prayer is offered, and I do thank Him. I do want to be patient, for when I think of the sufferings of Jesus my Savior, how those nails were driven into his precious hands and feet, I feel it would be cruel for me to grumble or complain at my sufferings. While I know divine healing is part of the gospel and the Lord heals all manner of sickness, yet if He can be glorified in my sufferings, I want to be like Jesus, Lord, not my will, but thine be done; also I want to consider the patience of Job, and that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.

God bless my dear brethren. I love you all very dearly, but I believe Jesus is calling, and I bid you all a last farewell till we meet again. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I do believe I can say with a clear conscience also with Bro. Paul, I have coveted no man's silver or gold or apparel, and I can also say that God has been very good to us through His dear people and others, and has supplied our every need. Praise His holy name.

Dear precious brethren, love one another and strive together for the unity of the faith in the bond of peace. Be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect, be of GOOD comfort, be of ONE mind, live in PEACE; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen. As ever your Brother ready to meet Jesus,

— H. W. White.

Dayton, Ohio. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and other workers at the Office, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I feel led of the Lord to write you and tell you of my much appreciation of your firm stand for the whole

truth and the way the Holy Ghost is showing you the cunning craftiness and workings of Satan and that you bring it out so straight and plain. May God continue to lead you dear ones by His Spirit and use you, is my prayer. I enjoyed this issue of the paper so much and am thanking and praising God for His true saints, and that from the depths of my being they are dear to me. I covet the prayers of all the dear saints.

Your Brother in holy love, — W. A. McCoy.

Racine, Wisconsin —Dear Sister in Christ: May His blessings be with you.

I am enclosing 25 cents for *Faith and Victory* to be sent to a dear friend of mine who is in the poor house. She has no people of her own, and suffers so much that she hasn't a day without pain. She is 70 years old and not long for this world. She sits day in and day out in her little room and gets so lonely. I'm so far away now that I can't go to see her. Pray that she may be patient till God says she has suffered enough. She is a good Christian woman. I thought *Faith and Victory* would cheer her, and I hope she will enjoy her paper as well as I do.

I am requesting prayer for myself. I have stomach trouble and a goiter which keeps me in poor health. Saints, please pray earnestly for my recovery and also that God will let me hear, as I am deaf. I believe with all my heart that through the prayer of faith I will be healed.

May God bless you and your work. —Velma Moss.

Hartsville, S. Car. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I received the handkerchief, and after earnest prayer and examination of my life, I applied the handkerchief and I felt the healing penetrate my body and seemed that a great load was lifted. My little boy is better too. I cannot thank God as much as I want to. The ones who don't trust in God are certainly foolish.

I am sending you money for a few tracts. I want to send them to hospitals and prisons and I very often distribute some on the streets. As soon as I get able I want to get one of your little books entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings."

Keep praying for me and my little boy that we have life, health and strength, and live to please God in every thing.

Your humble Sister in Christ, — Mary J. Jones.

A few YEAR FILES of *Faith and Victory*, bound in book form, are left. Reduced price, 15 cents postpaid.

« Young People's Section »

Progress

We are told that these are days of very great progress. Men speak enthusiastically of our advanced civilization. It is true wonderful things have been accomplished in the material world. Men are now speaking to each other on opposite sides of the world, folks can sit in their homes and listen at some one talking a thousand miles away, people are flying above the clouds, and sailing under the waves, they have invented explosives that can shake the earth, and they are rushing to and fro over the highways on inflated tires at the rate of a mile a minute. These and many other wonderful things are being accomplished, but how much progress has been made toward loving God with all the heart and soul, the mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourself? We ask how much?

— C. E. Orr.

EDITORIALS

“Keep thy heart with all *diligence*; for out of it are the issues of life.” Prov. 4: 23.

The wise man, Solomon, was bringing out a fundamental truth when he wrote this text. It says the heart is the center from which flows the outward actions of life. He was not speaking of the physical heart, but of the center or seat of man's affections. Manifestations, whether good or evil, originate or come forth from the heart. Therefore, to keep all the streams of life clean and pure, the source must be guarded from evil of all kinds.

Salvation works a radical change in our whole life because it gives a new heart through the spiritual birth. The seat of affections is changed, thereby affecting all the issues from it. Probably many try to keep their outward or external life in proper order and failed because they neglected to “keep the heart with all diligence.” Stand guard at door of your heart, and not allow anything to enter that you would not want to come out through your words and actions of everyday life. Its influence will not stop there, for it will go on and on in the lives of others like the continuous rolling waves on the ocean.

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Some so-called preachers can live and preach plainness of dress and observe many of the outward

forms of the Christian life (all of which are true and proper) according to the letter of the Word, but when it comes to being an example in bearing “the fruit of the Spirit,” which is “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance,” (Gal. 5: 22, 23) they are found wanting. This denotes a lack of the Spirit in the soul, and renders them unable to bear even the first fruit, *love*, which is the greatest of all. This class is identical with the ‘Pharisees’ whom Jesus says are “hypocrites.” This is certainly sad, but the worst part is that some are in this condition and will not allow any one to help them get cleared up. The true saints have an opportunity to exercise their love in being able to “instruct in *meekness* those who oppose themselves.”

— L. D. P.

Meno, Okla. — Dear Saints scattered abroad: Today finds me saved and encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. Although we make failures, the Lord is always merciful to bear with us and help us not to make them any more. Today I thank the good Lord for victory in my soul. When the Lord sees that we are honest, He will clear everything away that is unlike Christ.

Dear saints, I saw and read in the Bible where I needed to measure up on a certain line. I realized that I couldn't do it in my own power, so I asked the Lord to send me the victory, yet I didn't get it. But dear saints, I didn't quit praying but kept on looking to the Lord until I had the victory. Praise His holy name.

Some time after this, I asked the Lord to draw me closer. So it seemed that I was put among trials and temptations, then I asked the Lord to give me grace. Truly today I can say the Lord answers prayer.

Dear people, I was brought to where I had to give up my whole life to the Lord and be willing to say, “Have your own way with me, Lord, and use me where you want to use me.” At that time Satan wanted my soul and he put this and that thing before me, but I just told him that I wasn't going to serve him any more, that I gave my life to the Lord. Then he left me for a while. Again he returned but I told him to get behind me because I was going to go on this good way that leads to Glory where my Savior

has gone to prepare a mansion for me. Glory to his name.

Dear saints, we all need to get in earnest about our souls and we need to search our lives and see our mistakes, and when we see them, then take them to the Lord in prayer and tell Him all about it and He will take care of it all.

This leaves me saved and fighting in the army of the Lord. Yours, in the one body,

— Inez D. Eck.

Awful End of a Backslider

The following is a short account of the life and death of William Pope, of Bolton, in Lancashire. He was at one time a member of the Methodist Society, and was a saved and happy man. His wife, a devoted saint, died triumphantly. After her death his zeal for religion declined, and by associating with backslidden professors he entered the path of ruin. His companions even professed to believe in the redemption of devils. William became an admirer of their schemes, a frequenter with them of the public house, and in time a common drunkard.

He finally became a disciple of Thomas Paine, and associated himself with a number of deistical persons of Bolton who assembled together on Sundays to confirm each other in their infidelity. They amused themselves with throwing the Word of God on the floor, kicking it around the room, and treading it under their feet. God laid His hand on this man's body, and he was seized with consumption. Mr. Rhodes was requested to visit William Pope. He says: "When I first saw him he said to me, 'Last night I believe I was in hell and felt the horrors and torment of the damned; but God has brought me back again and given me a little longer respite. The gloom of guilty terror does not sit so heavy upon me as it did, and I have something like a faint hope that, after all I have done, God may yet save me.' After exhorting him to repentance and confidence in the Almighty Savior, I prayed with him and left him. In the evening he sent for me again. I found him in the utmost distress, overwhelmed with bitter anguish and despair. I endeavored to encourage him. I spoke of the infinite merit of the great Redeemer, and mentioned several cases in which God had saved the greatest sinners, but he answered, 'No case of any that has been mentioned is comparable to mine. I have no contrition; I cannot repent. God will damn me! I know the day of grace is lost. God has said of such as are

in my case, 'I will laugh at your calamity, and mock when your fear cometh.' " I said, "Have you ever known anything of the mercy and love of God?" "Oh, yes," he replied, "many years ago I truly repented and sought the Lord and found peace and happiness." I prayed with him after exhorting him to seek the Lord, and had great hopes of his salvation; he appeared much affected, and begged I would represent his case in our society and pray for him. I did so that evening, and many hearty petitions were put up for him.

Mr. Barraclough gives the following account of what he witnessed. He says: "I went to see William Pope, and as soon as he saw me he exclaimed, 'You are come to see one who is damned forever.' I answered, 'I hope not; Christ can save the chief of sinners.' He replied, 'I have denied Him, I have denied Him; therefore hath He cast me off forever! I know the day of grace is past, gone—gone, never more to return!' I entreated him not to be too hasty, and to pray. He answered, 'I cannot pray; my heart is quite hardened; I have no desire to receive any blessings at the hand of God,' and then cried out, 'Oh, the hell, the torment, the fire that I feel within me! Oh, eternity! eternity! To dwell forever with devils and damned spirits in the burning lake must be my portion, and that justly!' On Thursday I found him groaning under the weight of the displeasure of God. His eyes rolled to and fro; he lifted up his hands, and with vehemence cried out, 'Oh, the burning flame, the hell, the pain I feel! I have done, done the deed, the horrible, damnable deed!' I prayed with him, and while I was praying he said with inexpressible rage, 'I will not have salvation at the hand of God! No, no! I will not ask it of Him!' After a short pause, he cried out, 'Oh, how I long to be in the bottomless pit—in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone!' The day following I saw him again. I said, 'William, your pain is inexpressible.' He groaned, and with a loud voice cried out, 'Eternity will explain my torments. I tell you again, I am damned. I will not have salvation.' He called me to him as if to speak to me, but as soon as I came within his reach he struck me on the head with all his might, and gnashing his teeth, cried out, 'God will not hear your prayers.' At another time he said, 'I have crucified the Son of God afresh, and counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing! Oh, that wicked and horrible deed of blaspheming against the Holy Ghost which I know I have committed!' He was often heard to exclaim, 'I want nothing but hell! Come, O devil, and take me!' At another time he

said, 'Oh, what a terrible thing it is! Once I might, and would not; now I would and must not.' He declared that he was best satisfied when cursing." The day he died, when Mr. Rhodes visited him, and asked the privilege to pray once more with him, he cried out with great strength, considering his weakness, "No!" and passed away in the evening without God.

Backslider, do you know you are in danger of the fires of hell? Do you know you are fast approaching the

"Line by us unseen that crosses every path,

That marks the boundary between God's mercy
and His wrath?"

You are, and unless you turn quickly, you with William Pope will be writhing in hell through all eternity. God says, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways." But he says again, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." Oh, come back and be healed before God shall say of you, "He is joined to his idols, let him alone." Copied from "*Dying Testimonies*"

"I Will Come Again"

John 14: 3.

In the midst of sorrow and hardships, let us remember this promise, "I will come again and take you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." But this promise is only for those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; not for the unrepentant, only for those who have repented, turned their back on the world, meaning worldly adornment, lodges, worldly churchanity, and even the appearance of evil must be left behind in order for the oil, the Holy Spirit, to have unrestricted course in our heart and life.

It takes a dying out to self, being crucified with our Savior and bearing the cross and reproach. Right here is where so many fall down. They think more of popularity than they do of their never-dying soul; think more of lip-stick, some questionable companion, just for sociability's sake. They go car-riding when they ought to be praying and setting a good example for those over whom they have influence.

So long as one is wholly the Lord's, Satan and his hordes are trying in every way possible to entangle him. If one is on the watch, and Bible reading and prayer is not neglected, the spiritual fortress will protect the child of God; but neglect prayer, and one will be open to doubts, giving the enemy an avenue for entrance, and as soon as he has a chance he will accuse the poor backslider who is in danger of being

captivated, either by the one who may appear as an angel of light or as a roaring lion, as the case may demand. Therefore Jesus says, "Watch, for in an hour when ye think not, the Son of man cometh." He has gone to prepare a place for His children. Let us be at our best in this trying hour, for faithful is He who called you.

Let us not neglect to pray for our public officials. We are admonished to do so. They are human and certainly need our prayers. It seems so many are depending on the Government for help, and do not look to the Lord or try to help themselves and make the best of circumstances. It is the person who uses his God-given physical strength, willing to deny himself for Jesus' sake, who really is a blessing rather than a hindrance to humanity. Jesus worked and prayed sometimes day and night; was never idle, and if we expect to be numbered among those for whom He will come, we will have to walk in His steps.

— Marie Pauline Sass

True Way Of Salvation

Mankind is lost and undone. No person can save himself. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13: 23. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all." Rom. 3: 23, 11: 32. The One True Sheepfold of which Christ is the shepherd, and the Kingdom of God in this world are one and the same thing. "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3: 3, 5-7.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I, the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jer. 17: 9, 10. Although "the heart of the wicked is little worth." Prov. 10: 20, Yet the Lord Jehovah speaks from heaven: "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways." Prov. 23: 26. Why does the pure and holy God so yearn for the polluted and wicked heart, for the soul, mind and body so defiled? It is because He has provided the Lamb of God, who shed His sinless blood on Calvary, that all who confess and for-

sake their evil deeds and wicked ways, shall obtain full remission of sins and eternal life in the world to come?

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, **but have eternal life.** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world thru Him might be saved.” John 3: 14-17.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the Door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” “I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall go in and out, and find pasture.” “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” John 10: 1, 9, 14: 6. “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” Prov. 28: 13. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1: 9

All who confess and forsake their transgressions, at once find themselves within the true sheepfold, “which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” 1 Tim. 3: 15. This Holy Ekklesia, the “Church of the Firstborn,” Heb. 12: 22, 23, is free from all human organization. Yes, free from all pride and formality. Free from all departure from “the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3, 1 Tim. 4: 1-3, 2 Tim. 3: 1 9, 13, 4: 3, 4, 2 Peter 2: 1-3, Rev. 2: 5, 6, 14, 15, 20-23.

This article outlines the one true way of salvation. There are many religions in the world today, but there is only one salvation, and that is being well and truly converted to God the Father thru Christ Jesus, and obeying the New Testament Gospel. “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” “As for God, His way is perfect: the Word of the Lord is tried; He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.” Psa. 19: 7, 18: 30. We praise God for the perfect plan of salvation.

— W. M. Potter.

WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE 51st PSALM

This has been called the Psalm of the true penitent. It is this; it is even more. It is a well-rounded and symmetrical concept of what God designs the true

Christian life to be in this New Testament dispensation. Psalm 51 teaches us the following facts of note:

1. That Sin Is Primarily An Offense Against God Almighty. “Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight.” Infidels who have sneered and scoffed at King David’s atrocious crimes of adultery-murder would do well to emulate his example of honest, complete, wholehearted confession of such sins.

2. That God’s Judgments Are True And Righteous Altogether. “That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.” God never passes any hasty, snap judgment at people.

3. That Men Must Repent Of The Spirit (Disposition) Of Disobedience As Well As Their Actual Sins. “Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.” Henceforth, he wanted reverence instead of contempt for the sanctity of pure womanhood.

4. That All Honest Men When They Repent Of Their Sins, Desire A Clean Heart And God’s Holy Spirit As Quickly As They Can Obtain The Same. They desire an immediate safeguard from the always imminent peril of backsliding. It is a significant fact that none of the Old Testament men of God were ever pigeon-holed into two separate apartments: saved and sanctified. Nothing has disgusted me anymore in my last twenty years in the ministry than to hear the mechanical, parrot-like, sing-song testimony of holiness professors who would arise to their feet in meetings, saying, “I’m saved and I’m sanctified,” just as if God was pleased with his children being pigeon-holed into two separate apartments. It is true that the Bible teaches two distinct works of God’s grace—the one following the other—yet the idea that we are to minimize the importance of the one in order to magnify the importance of the other, is not Scriptural at all. True, that we are justified and then sanctified, but the first is the preparation for the second, and God is not pleased with folks supposing that justification is an end in itself. The Old Testament characters were right with God; and the moment they got right with God, even in their generation, they were taught by God to expect fullness of equipment to fight the battles of faith that would keep them right with God.

5. That Only Saved Folks Can Help Others To Get Saved And To Be Builders On The Walls Of Zion. After he has obtained a clean heart, “then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be

converted unto Thee." Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

6. That Saved Folks Are To Be Burdened For The Salvation Of Others. "Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness." Salvation makes builders out of folks, nor knockers nor wreckers. How much time is worse than wasted in idle gossip that ought to be redeemed in believing, importunate praying. When folks pass day after day, week after week with not a single desire nor loving yearning for the salvation of others (even their own blood kindred), they are surely backslid at heart.

7. That Saved Persons Should Cultivate The Attitude Of Faith In God Coupled With the Spirit Of Praise (Worship). "O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." King David was guilty of the sin of misplaced affection. And he fully repented of that sin as the tap-root of his adultery-murder. After his restoration to the favor of God, he focused his affection on things above—not on things of this earth. If David in his generation realized his immediate need of God's Spirit upon his return to the favor of God, how much more do New Testament converts to Christ (as soon as they can sense their need of the Spirit) need God's Spirit to preserve and stabilize the soul. Amen.

— W. J. Hawley.

THE NARROW WAY

There's only one way to heaven;
The other one leads to despair.
No neutral grounds has been offered,
Either heaven or hell you will share.
The way to heaven is narrow,
But wide enough for us two.
By the way of true repentance,
Jesus will accompany you.

We must leave all worldly pleasure,
Sometimes friends and kindred too.
Like Abraham, the faithful,
Don't allow them to hinder you.
Then we'll feast on heavenly manna,
And sweet honey out of the rock,
Where the luscious fruits of Canaan
Are never out of stock.

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Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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Sunday Oct. 7, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Oct. 1—Christ's Relationship to Us. John 15: 1- 7.
- Oct. 2—Our Relationship to Christ. John 15: 8- 16
- Oct. 3—Abraham the Friend of God. James 2: 18-26.
- Oct. 4—God Speaking with Moses. Exodus 33: 9- 16.
- Oct. 5—Jesus the Friend of Lazarus. John 11: 1- 11.
- Oct. 6—Jesus the Friend of Sinners. Luke 7: 39-50.
- Oct. 7—Devotional Reading. Matthew 4: 18- 25.

SUBJECT—Fellowship With Christ.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—John 15: 1- 16.

15: 1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

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

5. I am the vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6. If any man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have

called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Memory Verse—Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; neither can ye except ye abide in me. Jno. 15: 4.

Central Thought—Fruit bearing through abiding in the Vine.

Practical Truth—Fellowship of love—the source of fruit for the glory of God.

Suggestions To Teachers

How to be friends of Jesus. How to live a fruitful Christian life.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

“Fruit from Christ.” He is the Giver of all good as the vine furnishes strength for the branches. “Fruit for the Father.” He is the owner of the vineyard and connects us with the source of life in the true Vine. He expects us to bear fruit. May none of us disappoint Him. Fruit with others. Our fellowship with Christ makes us in fellowship with others who are in Christ and we bear the same fruit because we all draw our strength alike from the Vine. “What earthly association is sweeter than fellowship in fruit-bearing?” Fruit through discipline. While pruning is painful yet it is productive. Spiritual culture is much like horticulture and must have the husbandman’s care in removing excess foliage and too many twigs. Fruit through development. Oh, precious souls, in order to develop we must keep in union with Christ. No branch can bear fruit severed from the Vine. Keep in touch with the source of spiritual life and fruit will be the result. Fruit through dependence. There is power in prayer, but that power is only available by a surrendered life to the will of God. “Ask whatsoever ye will.”

Consecration, character and conduct all claim a place in fruit-bearing for the glory of God, testing our love for God and our service to mankind. In obedience we alike fulfill our duty to God and man, and full fruitage brings joy, joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Sunday Oct. 14, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 8—The Word of God. Isaiah 55: 6- 13.

Oct. 9—A Teacher Wanted. Acts 8: 26- 31.

Oct. 10—A Teachable Hearer. Acts 8: 32- 40.

Oct. 11—A Fruitful Hearer. James 1: 19- 27.

Oct. 12—The Holy Spirit as Author. 2 Tim. 3: 12- 17.

Oct. 13—The Holy Spirit as Teacher. 1 Cor. 2: 6- 16

Oct. 14—Devotional Reading. Psalms 119: 41- 48.

SUBJECT—The Christian and His Bible.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 8: 26- 39.

8: 26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28. Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the

eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Memory Verse—Oh how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Psalms 119: 97.

Central Thought—Love for the Bible.

Practical Truth—The Christ life implanted in our life through obedience to the Word of God.

Suggestions To Teachers

The best Book. An Ethiopian found spiritual life through the Book. How to find time for the study of the "best Book".

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Philip, one of the deacons in the church at Jerusalem, while in successful evangelistic work in Samaria, heard the call of God to go to the South, perhaps one hundred miles on the desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza. His instant obedience brought him in contact with an honest soul seeking truth—an eminent Ethiopian, a native of the rich region bordering on the banks of the Upper Nile. He was a man of great authority under Candace (the official name of the queen of the country). While being a man of prominence, ability and influence, he had been to Jerusalem to worship.

There were no doubt many Jews in his country, due to the fact he had a copy of the Septuagint, the same version used by Christ and the apostles. The lesson tells the story of where he was reading and Philip's teaching of the same Scripture in a way that it needs no comment.

Oh, that dear souls today would read the Bible. Read it as God's Word. Read all of it. Read it at every opportunity. Read it understandingly. Read it with all available help. Read to learn of Jesus. Read it believingly. Read it obediently, and on the confession of your faith and obedience go on your way rejoicing as did this convert of Philip's.

Oh dear souls, let us let the Word of God dwell in us richly in this life and be prepared for life eternal.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Oct. 15—The Christian at Prayer. Matt. 6: 5- 15
- Oct. 16—Praying for Christians. Eph. 3: 14- 21.
- Oct. 17—Praying for Sinners. Exodus 32: 30- 35
- Oct. 18—Fellowship with God. Psa. 63: 1- 11.
- Oct. 19—Abraham's Prayer. Genesis 18: 22- 33.
- Oct. 20—Hezekiah's Prayer. 2 Kings 19: 14- 20.
- Oct. 21—Devotional Reading. John 17: 17- 26.

SUBJECT—The Christian at Prayer.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matt. 6: 5- 15.

6: 5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11. Give us this day our daily bread.

12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Memory Verse—Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. Rom. 12:12

Central Thought—Jesus teaching His followers how to pray.

Practical Truth—Prayer to God with forgiveness for those who are indebted to us is acceptable to God.

Suggestions To Teachers

Learning how to pray with Jesus as the Great Teacher. Having fellowship with God through prayer.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

We have for our lesson the portion of Scripture commonly or often called, "The Lord's Prayer." But it is said that this title dates from the third century and is taken from Cranmer's Prayer Book rather than from the Gospels. Jesus, on being asked by one of His disciples to teach them to pray as John taught his disciples, gave them this *model prayer*. We learn from this prayer to whom prayer should be made, the right time, the place, the right spirit and the right

purpose in all prayers. Also, what to ask for—that Thy kingdom should come and Thy will be done here in our earthen vessels as in heaven.

Then we have physical needs, spiritual needs, social needs, individual needs, and we have a loving heavenly Father able, willing and ready to supply every need when *faith* wings the petition to the throne of grace in Jesus' name. Praise our God. For the Lord's Prayer, read John 17: 1- 26.

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HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Oct. 22—The Christian Standard. Eph. 4: 17- 27.
 Oct. 23—The Christian Walk. 9ph. 5: 15- 21.
 Oct. 24—A Temperate People. Jeremiah 35: 5- 14.
 Oct. 25—An Intemperate People. Isa. 28: 1- 10.
 Oct. 26—Disaster Through Drunken Leaders. 1st kings 20: 13- 21.
 Oct. 27—Living the Simple Life. Daniel 1: 8- 13.
 Oct. 28—Devotional Reading. Col. 3: 12- 17.

SUBJECT—The Christian's Standard.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Eph. 4: 17- 27; 5: 15- 21.

4: 17. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20. But ye have not so learned Christ;

21. If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22. That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23. And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26. Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27. Neither give place to the devil.

5: 15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16. Redeming the time, because the days are evil.

17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Memory Verse—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5: 18.

Central Thought—Temperance or be not intoxicated with wine.

Practical Truth—God's precious Holy Spirit gives strength to overcome intemperance in every walk of life.

Suggestions To Teachers

Growing more like Jesus will make homes happier. Avoiding evils will help much in ruling ourselves and overcoming evil.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Christian standard is high. But thank God, not too high. He has promised grace sufficient to live the life which will hold up the standard. We have in our lesson today some evils to be avoided and overcome.

1. Emptiness. "Vanity of the mind." What is worse than an empty, worthless life? 2. Blindness. "Darkened their understanding." Blindness is bad. Oh, the condition of this lost world—many physically blind, more morally blind, but the sad part, many more spiritually blind. 3. "The ignorance that is in them." To be ignorant of the truth as it is in Jesus is the worst kind of ignorance. God help us to remedy it by getting truth to them. 4. Obstinaey. "The hardening of their heart or being past feeling." How sad when hearts have stilled their conscience until God refuses to hear. 5. Sensuality, verse 19. 6. Falsehood. 7. Uncurbed temper. 8. Moral collapse. 9. Wasted life. 10. Broken personality. "Be not drunk with wine." Such intoxication leads to wasted manhood and money, and ends in disaster and death. But thank God, "we have not so learned Christ." "Be filled with the Spirit." Discard the old and put on the new, which means a complete consecration to all the known will of God. He is so willing to impart His will to His humble, obedient children.