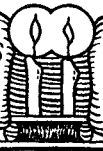


FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE



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



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“All Through The Night”

Time is swiftly passing onward;

“All through the night,”

We may sleep in peaceful slumber,
If we've done the right.

But if we fail to remember

Through the year 'till late December,
We may lie in restless tremor
“All through the night.”

Harsh words spoken will not soften,

“All through the night;”

Live our friends their loads to lighten—
This a pleasing sight.

Think of self but for a moment,

Work for others, cheer and comfort.
Daylight's precious, use each moment;
Soon comes the night.

— Erle E. Forbes

Can You See The Church?

The Church of God is not a man-made organization. Jesus said, “I will build my church.” Matt. 16: 18. It is not governed by man. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders.” Isa. 9: 6.

No man can open the doors of the true Church. Christ is the door-way into the Church (sheep-fold). Jesus says, “I am the door of the sheep (saved people),” John 10: 7. Jesus opened the door wide and complete when He gave Himself as a sacrifice, and it will stand wide open to every soul until the Judgment day sets. When He died on the cross, He broke the seven seals and opened the book of life eternal to every soul. Rev. 5: 5.

There is no one in this Church except those whose

names are written in the book of life which is kept in heaven. Rev. 21: 27. It is composed of all those who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Rev. 7: 14.

Part of the Church at this present time is on earth and part of it is in heaven, for the Church constitutes the family of God. Paul says, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the *whole family* in heaven and earth is named.” Eph. 3: 14, 15. They take the Father's name because they are born again by a spiritual birth and therefore they become the children of God, the family of God, the Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Tim. 3: 15.

Man has nothing to do with the putting of members in this Church, as the Church is the body of Christ, spiritually speaking. Ep. 1. 23. God sets the members in it as it pleases Him. 1 Cor. 12: 18.

Some ministers plant the seed of truth in the souls of men and some water it, but it is God that giveth the increase. 1 Cor. 3: 6. The minister that planteth and he that watereth is nothing more than laborers together with God.

“Ye are God's building.” Every really “born-again” soul is a lively stone in the great structure or building which is God's Church. 1 Peter 2: 5.

The Church is built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone, and He fitly frames us together as a holy temple of the Lord. We the Church or family of God become “an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Eph. 2: 19 to end of chapter.

“Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” — Fred Pruitt.

What Is A Saint?

Just recently I read of a woman in Paris who had tortured and underwent painful afflictions of her body that she might become a saint, and that the Pope at Rome had received her or recorded her name as

one worthy to be known as a saint.

Many of you have read of how many people in dark India have subjected their bodies to awful torture by lying upon beds of spikes and various other ways of painful tortures that they might be justified before God and be known as a holy or saintly person.

The Bible, the inspired Word of God, the only authentic source of knowledge on this subject, plainly gives us a definition of a saint and also a sinner, for it defines only two classes; saved and unsaved.

A saint is one who has been redeemed from sin, a holy, sanctified or dedicated one who has been transformed or born again, and who lives and experiences active, positive, spiritual life, or a new creature.

A Protestant once asked a Catholic what was a saint. The reply was: they were noted ones who lived a long while ago and were never known to do anything wrong. Then we presume they thought or were told that they were so kind and good as to have nothing to repent to God for. A moral life of self-righteousness has no eternal reward, for they ignore the truth of God that all the race of mankind are sinners and none righteous until they confess and repent.

I once heard a minister remark at the funeral of one of his members that the deceased was a loyal and faithful man or had gone to his eternal rest, but that he was not a saint. Shame upon such a statement from a man who by his training or profession should have plainly read in the sacred Word of God that if the deceased was not a saint, he was a sinner lost without hope and God in the world to come.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12: 1 defines a saint as one who has presented his body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which means to forsake, sacrifice or die to all carnal desires, selfishness, sinful habits, or worldliness—a crucifixion to every unholy thing.

All praise be unto God through His beloved Son who has given His people light or interpretation of the principles of Godliness that leads His followers out of darkness, superstition and ignorance, revealing to everyone the possibility of a Holy Spirit led life that makes God real and positive to His saints.

Before his conversion, Paul in persecuting the followers of Christ refers to them as saints, and they were known by this name until first called Christians at Antioch in 41 A. D. After his conversion he speaks of ministering to the saints when he was in Corinth and at Ephesus concerning the work of the ministry relating to the saints as edifying the body of Christ which was and is still the only true church.

Multitudes of professed church members of the various sects are in gross deception and blindly led by those whom God has never called or baptised with the Holy Spirit to preach the everlasting gospel.

They appear to regard a saint as an extraordinary zealous and righteous person, and it never occurs to them that they can ever hope to come anywhere near to that high pinnacle of Godliness as to be a saint.

No creed of man or any human agency, regardless of who it is or what be his title, can make anyone a saint, for such is positively the work of the Spirit of the Lord God, for anything that conflicts with the truth of pure gospel teaching, God will reject.

The Almighty requires that a saint worship Him in spirit and in truth constantly, for there is no special or set apart so-called holy days that call for a more holy and dedicated life than other days. There is no scriptural authority for such traditions, for a saintly life calls for a loyal, holy and faithful service every day alike, for how could you regard a servant of yours who would render to you loyal and faithful service on certain set apart days, and then be careless, unconcerned or indifferent the rest of the time?

Provisions have been made by God through the great plan of man's redemption by Jesus Christ our Lord for everyone—poor or rich, learned or unlearned, regardless of race or color to become or known by God as a saint on conditions that they obey the gospel and meets the terms and conditions of definite and positive heart-felt and soul-experienced salvation as is prescribed by authority of God.

The unsaved must be downright earnest or sincere about this and feel sure that it is Godly sorrow melting down your heart to a state of genuine confession and repentance, then pardon will come to your soul.

— John H. Griffith

Right Or Wrong?

My soul is burdened, and my heart's sympathy goes out for lost souls, and especially those who are, or might become deceived.

A great part of the Bible is written to lead us up to salvation, and then a great part is used in warning us to not become deceived.

The world never saw an age when more stress needs to be put upon what is right and what is wrong than now. The edge of the sword must NOT be dulled. There IS a dividing line.

The enemy is bringing up many new and cunning devices to deceive the "very elect," things which

from the outside have the appearance of being "no harms".

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14: 12.

"If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him."

Oh, that all would seek God earnestly for guidance, and not become persuaded by unfaithful men and women. "A righteous man falling down before the wicked, is as a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring." Prov. 25: 26.

Anything that will help us and others to live right is right, and any thing that will hinder us or others in living right is wrong, and it does not matter what name it goes by. If we fail to surrender ALL, "one thing thou lackest" will send us to the regions of despair. "He that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not," or he that knoweth he should do no evil, and doeth it, to him it is sin. Most of us are reasonably intelligent, and know. "The wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein." If we *cannot* learn, God does not, and the saints should not, expect us to measure up. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "None is so blind as he who won't see."

"Ye SHALL know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Praise the Lord for this freedom which comes by knowing the truth. Things which are wrong should be called by their right names, and in love warned against—in conversation, in preaching, and by the press, so that no one who attends the saints' meetings and reads the Bible with an honest heart need become entangled with double marriage, the use of tobacco (although the word *tobacco* does not appear in the Bible); entangling our body which is Gods' temple, nor our life which God gave and which God takes, by bartering, pawning or otherwise contracting same by valuation specified in terms of "filthy lucre" through the agency of ungodly men; by conforming to the world in dress; by trying to set up two standards of living, one for the young and one for the old; by using musical instruments in order to attract people to our meetings; by using sectarian methods of supplying temporal needs for our meetings, etc. We as the saints must be on the alert, as the enemy will not cease to bring up some of these or other things from time to time. We should say with Paul, "None of these things move me."

One of the most deceptive things which the enemy would like to pan off on the saints is this atti-

tude: that, although we have heard the truth on this or that for years, we have not as yet received the light on the subject. Does the thing in question hinder you or any other saint in having confidence or fellowship? If so, the thing is wrong, and for our own sake, our brother's sake, and the sake of the cause, we should quickly and gladly give it up. If we could only comprehend the immensity of the power of God in saving, sanctifying, healing, and in supplying our every need, both while we live and when we die, it would not be hard for us to trust God. If God and his store house is no larger than this earth, this earth in God's sight is no larger than a dime. What are we as individuals when it comes to using the temporal things which God has so graciously made us stewards over? Saints, let us not doubt God who is able to supply ALL our needs according to His riches in glory.

We are told to not only behold the goodness, but also the severity of God. "Fear to do evil and learn to do well." Humility is the only avenue for the troubled soul. In much Christian love,

— Erle E. Forbes

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Tulsa, Okla. —To the dear saints scattered abroad: I greet you in Jesus' name. Today finds me still in the way and more decided to go all the way.

At this writing we have been having a revival in Tulsa. Bro. Will Barton of Webb City, Mo., who has been very sick all the summer, desired to be here so we went after him and brought him here. He wanted to have meeting so he could be with the saints, and the Lord used him. At times he was so weak it looked like he wasn't able to preach, but the Lord gave him renewed strength and he delivered several sermons which were all edifying to the church. This Brother needs our prayers for his complete healing. There seems to be a growth in his stomach which keeps him from eating food. Let us continue to seek the Lord in his behalf.

Sister Velma Carter needs our prayers. She was hurt when a child and at times she is very sick. Let us pray till her healing is a settled fact. She can be used in God's cause.

Also remember the saints in Tulsa. We have our building ready for the roof. Means are scarce and very few working. We are not discouraged, for God sees our needs and has promised to supply. You dear saints help us by praying God to give us all work to do, so we may soon have our own building. We are not able to rent a building any longer.

Yours, for the gospel,

— Hettie Barton.

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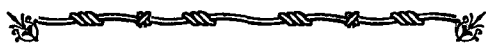
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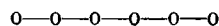
“Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.
From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate’r may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth not.”



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EDITORIALS

We are glad to be back to the Office and among the dear saints at Guthrie again after an absence from home of forty days. This evangelistic tour was much blessed of the Lord; tracts and papers were given out all along the way. The Lord guided by His Spirit and anointed for service, saving some souls, sanctifying believers and healing bodies. The last meeting was held over a hundred miles northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico in the mountains. Some souls were there which were very much interested. It was a seed sowing time. The Word went forth with unobstructed clearness. The last night of the meeting was very touching, and quite a number expressed themselves as being encouraged by the truth and earnestly invited us back again. Bro. H. E. Locker and family, and also Bro. R. Z. Cox and family live there. We are expecting a truck load of New Mexico saints to be present at the Holiday Assembly meeting here at Guthrie this winter.



In speaking of the healing of bodies and other mighty deeds which Jesus is doing today, people often think it great and wonderful, and often manifest surprise. When we look at it in the light of God’s Word and compare them with His promises, we should not be surprised or think it so wonderful that God would keep His word. At the same time we do greatly appreciate His faithful love and mercy to us unworthy creatures. Has He not said that “All power is given unto me, both in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28: 18), and if ye ask anything according to my will, I will do it? If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (John 15: 7) They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. (Mark 16: 18) The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. (James 5: 15) He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father.” John 14: 12.

Do we not believe that God will keep His promises? Do we think it a strange and wonderful thing that He does keep them? Why should we doubt God who spoke the world into existence and all things therein by His Word? Do we look upon Him to be one as weak and frail as man? Can we not have implicit faith and confidence in our heavenly Father who has unlimited power and is seeking our good and his glory in everything? Why should we think it a thing incredible for God to show special love and

mercy to those who seek His honor only?

When Jesus was here in the flesh people believed because they saw Him and beheld the miracles which He did. Thomas believed that He was the resurrected Christ because he saw the nail prints in His hands and feet and felt of the pierced side. Jesus said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20: 29.

Brethren, let us believe God and not think it strange that He keeps His promise to those who love and serve Him.

When Jesus was exhorting the disciples to not be troubled about what they should eat or drink, telling them not to be of doubtful mind, reminding them that all the nations of the world sought such things and that our Father knew that we had need of the same, He then added, "But rather seek the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." Luke 12: 31. If we believe the words of Jesus why should we withhold our earthly wealth or means from the spread of the gospel, or why should we be careful to provide many years ahead as though we were afraid some where down the line God would fail to give us our needs. It saddens our heart to note that those who profess to know God and have faith in Him and act just the opposite are making more unbelievers, atheists and infidels than any other class of people. In spite of the many that profess faith in God and claim to walk by faith, the majority go by feelings and sight and the devil is the author of such. Many in these days are reasoning themselves astray. Brother, it need not be you or me. Remember that each of us are choosing our own destiny. Whatsoever we let into our heart will issue out. We are exhorted to "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

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The self-seeking man will slander or run down his neighbor with the thought of exalting himself. They will receive honor one of another rather than the honor which comes from God only. John 5: 44.

The wise man said, "The backslider in heart is filled with his own ways." To him his ways seemeth to be right, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Many today are backslidden in heart but are going right on, claiming to preach the gospel of Christ, but mix it up with the visions of their own head—such are deceitful workers, confusing and leading astray many. Whenever you see one posing as a minister who is ever ready to brand one of God's little ones, you had better mark that man for he is the enemy of the

cross of Christ. The Bible says, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12: 14.

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On another page of this paper you will find a notice of a special offer of THREE MONTH'S SUBSCRIPTION to *Faith and Victory* for FIVE CENTS, or 25 addresses for three months for one dollar. Those sending in 25 names will be given the choice of four books by adding five cents postage for same. This offer will give you an opportunity to do some real missionary work for Jesus and get the gospel to your many friends and neighbors who have much time to read on these long winter nights. Let every reader do his or her very best to enlighten folks on the truth of the Bible. You owe this service to your neighbor. Send for some tracts to hand out as you solicit subscriptions.

This offer is good in U. S. only.

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Bro. W. J. Hawley, an evangelist of New York State, has been holding a week's meeting here at the Saints' Chapel. Bro. Hawley is an earnest speaker and denounces sin and present day wickedness with boldness and power.

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We are enjoying a visit by Bro. Robert Longley and family and his mother-in-law of Visalia, Calif. at this writing. He will preach to us at the Chapel tonight, Lord willing. Several years ago Bro. Longley was with us here in the printing work, before he left as a missionary to the Fiji Islands. He helped us in putting out the first Faith and Victory paper. He and family expect to visit his mother in Texas and relatives in Missouri and other places before returning to California.

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Last Saturday, the 20th of October, several of us motored to Lahoma, Okla. which is some over eighty miles northwest of Guthrie, and enjoyed the fellowship of the saints there over Sunday. On Saturday night the message was on sanctification, and four souls came to the altar and sought the Lord for heart purity and the Lord was faithful to bestow the Comforter. The Lord greatly blessed in the services Sunday morning. About one o'clock we all went to Enid to the park where there was nice water and ten precious souls followed the Lord in water baptism, symbolizing that their souls were washed in the blood of the Lamb. On returning to Lahoma the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper were observed, which was very precious and touching to all. A band

of twenty-eight happy saints took part in the ordinances. Sister Margaret Eck is the minister at that place. A number of years ago, when just a girl, she used to accompany us to the jail meetings, and was used of the Lord then in exhorting the boys behind the bars to live for God. We very much enjoyed our association with the saints at Lahoma. May God bless them richly as they walk in the true, holy way.

Special Offer

Three Months' Subscriptions

We are putting on a special subscription offer for *Faith and Victory* paper to be sent to your friends and to souls in need of the truth of God's Word.

This offer will give every one of our readers a chance to do some real missionary work for the Lord, either by getting persons to subscribe for three months or by using some of the Lord's money which you have to get this paper to many souls during these three months. Every reader should feel deeply the need of sending the paper to other souls who are in need of salvation. We need your help in getting the gospel to the lost and needy ones, as we are "all workers together with God." This missionary effort is being launched with much sacrifice, and we ask you to join with us in getting the paper in many thousands of new homes during these winter months. Let each one of us put our shoulder to the wheel and help along that precious souls may be rescued from sin and eternal night.

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If you want any one of these books as a premium please enclose five cents in stamps for postage and mailing, and the book will be forwarded to you at once.

We pray that God will stir every reader to help in this forward move of truth to the souls of men.

The need is evident and the call for duty is from the Lord, for He said, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." John 4: 35.

Begin at once to get names and addresses and send them right in. This offer will expire Nov. 24, 1934.

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* PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Selma Hiebert requests the saints to fast and pray on the 4th of November for the healing of her lip. Her trust is in the Lord.

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting on the order of an Assembly meeting will begin at Neosho, Mo. on November 4th and continue as long as the Lord leads. We desire all to come who can. There will be plenty of spiritual and temporal food for every body. — Bro. Strech.

Hindrances To Saving Faith

The chief hinderance to the exercise of saving faith is that of being governed by our feelings, or a desire to possess the *fruits* of faith before we *believe*. We want to go by *sense* and *feel* first. Many are more solicitous about *feeling* than faith. We want to see signs and wonders before we believe. We have no right to expect feeling, the *fruit* of faith, before we

believe. We might just as well want to taste our food before we eat it.

It will never do to make a Savior of our feelings. Many persons spend their time in vain efforts to force themselves into a right state of feeling. Feelings do not result from a direct effort to feel, but from true faith. If we would be saved, we must stop *quarreling* with our *feelings*, and trust all *now* and *forever* upon the immutable word of God, and we shall have just the right kind and the right amount of feeling. The purest faith is exercised in the absence of all feeling, and we are to take God at His Word, and rely upon His truth, and give it the same confidence as though it were proclaimed from heaven by God himself in a voice of thunder.

The soul must repose on the fullness and efficacy of the atoning blood. It is leaning there, singly, exclusively there, that brings the cleansing power. True faith takes the promise, and rests on the infinite merit upon which the promise is based.

B. W. Gorham well says: “The man who remembers how he sought the blessing of pardon, knows how to seek the blessing of purity; namely, to look for it as something to be received at once by simple faith.”

Why is it that many who desire holiness, and read, and pray, and resolve, and weep, and struggle, yet make but little progress?

It is mainly because they refuse to comply with the conditions on which the blessing is suspended. One man sees that if he would be holy he must adopt a new system of benevolence. Another sees, as he approaches the clear light of perfect love, a probable call to the ministry, should he go forward. Another sees a large class of duties, hitherto neglected, which must be performed. A sister sees, if holiness is obtained and retained, she will have to conform to the simplicity of the gospel of Christ, and undergo a material change in her equipage and costume. Many cease to seek holiness when the knife of excision is put to the heart to amputate its idols. There is much physical depravity standing in the way as a hinderance. Entire sanctification includes a radical and universal purification of the entire man, soul and body. Chastity of body is an important part of entire sanctification. Sin is “filthiness;” it may be of the flesh, or of the spirit, as there are defilements of the body and of the mind. Many stumble in seeking Christian holiness, because of habits of uncleanness—physical indulgences, which are not put away. No man can be entirely sanctified while his body is an “instrument of unrighteousness” in any sense, pri-

vately or publicly. God never does for any one what he can do for himself. The putting away of all "filthiness of the flesh" is a part of entire sanctification which every one must perform for himself.

God requires a pure soul in a chaste body. The Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and it is not to be profaned by prostitution to wicked uses, or filthy lusts. "If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy." Having made both body and soul, and redeemed both, he requires them kept pure and devoted to His use. "Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Many fail in seeking entire sanctification, because they do not sanctify their bodies, but touch, taste and handle things unclean. A man who would be right with God must be right with his body. Convictions, resolutions, and good desires are not enough. There must be actual abandonment of all physical, as well as moral iniquity. Then our whole nature, "spirit, soul, and body," will be "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

In what sense is faith the gift of God?

Faith is the gift of God in nearly the same sense in which seeing, walking, and eating are the gift of God. These are the gift of God in such a sense that neither of them can be done without Him, and yet He does neither of them for us. The objects of sight and the power to see, the foundation in which to walk and the power to walk, the food we eat and the power to eat, are all, in an important sense, from God. But the acts of seeing, of eating, and of walking, are our own. He neither sees, walks, nor eats for us; and yet we can do neither without Him. Thus with faith. God gives truth, the object of faith, and the ground of faith, and the power to believe; but He believes for no one. While He helps the believer, the act of believing is purely the believer's, and is voluntary.

In what sense does faith involve a voluntary exercise of the mind?

In attention, assent, and submission. First, we are voluntary in giving proper attention to the truth, with its evidences; secondly, we are, in a measure, voluntary in giving assent and credence to apprehended truth; thirdly, we are voluntary in the practical reception of the truth, and in submission to its claims, which involve trust and reliance.

The pivot upon which the salvation of the soul turns is its submission to the claims of truth. We are saved by the belief of the truth. Truth demands attention and submission. An intelligent, voluntary rejection of the perceived and admitted claims of truth,

constitutes the most terribly damning sin which was ever committed. Unbelief is a voluntary rejection of truth. Faith is a voluntary submission to its claims. Faith and unbelief are the axles on which all real happiness or wretchedness revolves.

What is meant by simple, naked faith?

By a simple faith is meant, taking God at His Word without doubting or reasoning; and by naked faith is meant, faith independent of all feeling, and stripped of every other dependence but Christ alone. Fletcher says, a naked faith is "a faith independent of all feelings," in a naked promise; bringing nothing with you but a careless, distracted, tossed, hardened heart,—just such a heart as you have got now." Lady Maxwell describes it thus: "I have often acted faith for sanctification, in the absence of all feeling; and it has always diffused an indescribable sweetness through my soul."

Mr. Fletcher illustrates it in the following way:

"As when you reckon with your creditor or with your host, and as, when you have paid all, you reckon yourselves free, so now reckon with God. Jesus has paid all; and he hath paid for thee—hath purchased thy pardon and holiness. Therefore it is now God's command, 'Reckon thyself dead unto sin;' and thou art alive unto God from this hour. Oh, begin, begin to reckon *now*; fear not; believe, *believe*, BELIEVE; and continue to believe every moment. So shalt thou continue free; for it is retained, as it is received, by faith alone."

May I come to Christ now, just as I am?

Yes, precious soul, this very moment. May the Lord help you! You can make yourself no better. We can not save ourselves in part before coming to Christ. Tears, groanings, resolutions, and lamentations will make us no better, nor more worthy. "*Now* is the day of salvation;" *now* is the time you should believe. It is wrong not to believe. Say, Here, Lord, I *will*, I do believe; thou hast said *now*; *now* let it be. And *now* rest your soul on the all-atoning merit of Jesus.

Oh, happy state! who would not give up all to obtain it? What folly to be satisfied with the commencement of Christ's work, when an experience so sweet, so rich and full is our privilege! Oh that with a longing heart you may exclaim,—

"My soul breaks out in strong desire,
The perfect bliss to prove;
My longing heart is all on fire
To be dissolved in love."

— J. A. Wood.

« Young People's Section »

Thy Word I Do Love

Thy Word is a lamp to my feet,
A guide all my journey through,
That warns me of dangers I meet,
And shows me just what to do.

Now, search me and try me, O Lord,
Bid all that is evil depart,
And help me to go by Thy Word,
Thy will, Thy pattern and Chart.

Thy Word have I hid in my heart,
That I might not yield to sin—
In actions, in word, or in thought,
O tender my heart within.

Thy Word brings my greatest delight,
My sorrow it turns away—
It fills me with songs in the night,
And grace for each passing day.

Such wonderful things I behold!
Much sweeter than honey to eat;
Thy Word I love better than gold—
Its precepts are more than meat.

— A. L. Johnson

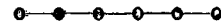
EDITORIALS

Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14: 15. He here speaks to every one who would attempt to follow Him. True love for God will naturally cause us to do what He says. The test of our love is in obeying His commandments. They are not grievous to those who love Him. "His yoke is easy and His burden is light." Have you found it so?

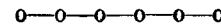
The Lord does not command or force us to love Him. He knows that if we voluntarily of our own free will place our affections upon Him, it will not be difficult to get us to do what He wants us to do. If you do not really love to serve the Lord, no doubt you are not careful to obey Him. The only way to be faithful servants is to keep the love for God burning fervently in our hearts, and which will keep the lukewarmness and chill of the world out of our lives.

Saintly living is a blessed experience if we constantly make it our business of serving the Lord. It may become a 'drag' to you if you just obey the Lord when you feel like it and disobey Him when you don't feel like doing what He says. God's way is to live by *faith* and not by feelings.

Here is another point. Some people would tell us that there are non-essentials in God's Word or that some commandments are more essential for us to obey than others. Thus, they bring up their human opinion because they have "not received a love of the truth." All of God's truth is essential to a well-rounded, true Christian life.



In these days we observe a general decline and lukewarmness settling down upon many young people, and older folks also, who were once very active for the Lord. Such a condition saddens our heart, and personally it arouses us to examine ourselves more closely lest we fall under the spell also. Each of us still have the power to choose the way we take. Pray God to loosen you from the devil's influence and get out of the line of least resistance and obey God's call in spite of opposition. If you do not give yourself whole-heartedly into God's hands, you will drift with the tide into endless despair!



While this special three months' subscription offer is in effect, it is a splendid opportunity for zealous young saints to exercise themselves in being the "good Samaritan" to the many souls who have fallen by the wayside as a result of wounds inflicted by the darts of sin and evil. The truth, if received, will heal the sin-sick soul and set the captive free. You have this gospel paper sent to several addresses for the three months, and the Judgment day will reveal the good that is accomplished. —L. D. P.

Priceless Gifts

"By humility and the fear of the Lord are *riches*, and *honor* and *life*." Proverbs 22: 4.

O the riches of salvation obtained through humbling the heart in repentance toward God and faith in Jesus, the precious sacrifice for the penitent sinner.

What honor to be a humble child of the King!
Who can value the life—eternal life? Praise our God.

O that all would accept these three priceless gifts *now*, while on time's side, while the Giver is on the giving hand! All are so freely given to those who meet the conditions—"humility and the fear of the Lord." Not a slavish fear, but that loving fear that would not disobey because the love is so great; just humbly obeying from the heart and enjoying the precious fruit—"riches (salvation), honor and life."

— Sadie E. Orr.

Lahoma, Okla. —To the young people scattered abroad, and every reader of the *Faith and Victory* paper: May God's richest blessings be upon you, may the Spirit of God lead you in the way that Jesus taught. We know there are many deceiving ways in the world today, yet God has the power to keep us in the one true Bible way in spite of all the ways the enemy may set before us.

I feel encouraged in the way of the Lord today, and my only desire is to keep humble at the feet of Jesus and do the little things God has for me to do. It may be to speak some encouraging word to some one, or whatever it may be I am willing by God's help to do it. It doesn't make any difference how little or great the thing may be, without God's help it would be a failure. I feel encouraged to seek the leadings of the Lord from day to day. I find the way grows brighter and sweeter every day. The more I move out for God the more precious He is to me. I love Him more than father, mother or any one or thing in this world. I mean to make heaven my home, and never turn back.

As I read the young peoples' section yesterday and found only a few testimonies of the young folks, it moved me to write my testimony and do my duty to God. Each one of us who are saved has something to do for God. So let us be up and doing what God has for us to do and not push our responsibility on some one else.

I ask all the true saints of God to pray that I will be in the hands of God just what He would have me to be. A Sister in Christ, — Lavina Wahl.

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Meno, Okla. —Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' name: May God bless you and the Holy Ghost guide you everyday.

I am a happy, saved girl. My only desire is to always remain a true follower of our Lord Jesus Christ and to do His precious will. I greatly enjoy being among the saints in their meetings, although I get to be in only a few. I am praying every day that

God will permit me to go to more meetings of the Church of God.

Before I was saved, God always called me to repent, but I neglected to obey. After I wanted to get saved, it seemed like I just couldn't get saved. I would pray and pray. I remained this way until one evening when I was invited to go to meeting with Bro. Dan Eek and family. Bro. Laughlin and Bro. Pruitt were the gospel preachers. That night the sermon seemed so wonderful. It troubled my soul. After the meeting as we were going home, a voice seemed to tell me, "Ask Bro. Eek's to help you pray and you will get saved," so before I got out of the car that night I said, "Please remember me in your prayers." I went to my room and my soul was so troubled. I stayed up for a long time. It seemed to me that I needed to get on my knees and tell the Lord my decisions I had made. Then I got on my knees and prayed and prayed and promised the Lord what I would do if He would save me. Afterward I stood up very still for a while. All at once the joy came into my heart—I was saved! and praising God.

All of you remember me in your prayers. I thank God for this grand salvation.

Your Sister in Christ, — Miss Bertha Eek.

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Loranger, La. —Dear young people: Today I am thanking and praising the dear Lord for salvation and for what He is to me. Truly the Lord has been good to me. Jesus saved my soul about twelve years ago and I am not tired of living for Him but only encouraged by His help and grace to press the battle on.

I know the devil has many ways of trying to discourage the young people. But I realize heaven is worth gaining at any cost, and Jesus will go with us all the way, for we read of the many precious promises in His Word.

Pray for me that I'll be faithful. Your Sister in Christ, — Elva Joiner.

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Boley, Okla. —Dear young saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' name.

I am praising God this morning for a free salvation. Glad to report victory over the powers of Satan and sin. I positively know I have passed from death unto life because I love God's people. The Word of God says, charity envieth not, is kind, not puffed up, is not easily provoked, endureth all things, beareth all things. I am glad I am a child of my heavenly King. We are bought with the price Jesus paid on

the tree. We are no more our own. Dear young friends, just think beloved of what a price Jesus paid for lost humanity. He offered Himself a sacrifice to put away sin. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for all that love His appearing. By the grace of God I intend to meet Him in the clouds with all His holy angels. Praise His name forever.

Your Sister in Christ, Velma S. Carter

"Born Again"

There are two births. First, the birth of the flesh; second, the birth of the spirit. Both are real births. The first admits us into our earthly father's family. When we are born we are just a helpless babe, both physically or spiritually. If we take the nourishment provided for us we grow thereby. If we don't, then we die either physically or spiritually. A dead professor before God is like a corpse kept in the home.

God said of Jacob and Esau, "The elder shall serve the younger." These twin boys of Isaac stand for two mighty powers in this world. Jacob stands for spirituality; Esau stands for carnality. Mal. 1:2. God says, "He loved Jacob, and He hated Esau." These children are also a type of two kingdoms; the kingdom of God or heaven, and the kingdom of this world. The great majority of professors are in the kingdom of this wicked world. Some try to serve two masters, and others plunge head long into all sorts of revelry and wickedness.

The one who is born again of the Spirit crucifies the flesh, mortifies his members which are earthly, and takes the sincere milk of the Word of God with a relish. His first baptism means to him death to the world, burial with Christ and resurrection to walk in newness of life with Jesus. As he follows on, he becomes able to take strong meat—the deeper sayings of Jesus Christ, and is baptised with the Holy Ghost. O the joy—no tongue can tell it—as his happy soul goes on to explore the length and breadth, the height and depth of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord in His kingdom in earth. Only the genuine saints of God know the sweetness of the fellowship of the Spirit with the Father and Jesus Christ and saints through the Holy Ghost.

—Mrs. J. E. Wetzel.

He Careth For You

When boisterous waves are rolling high,
And threatening clouds overspread the sky,

We may hear Him, if we will,
Softly whisper, "Peace, be still."

Our hearts may have a load of care,
He has promised all to bear,
"Cast thy burden on the Lord,"
Cling to Him—believe His Word.

Though our plans be often crossed,
Never give up all for lost;
If we love Him as we should,
All is working for our good.

Not our will, but Thine be done,
Lead us, Father, on and on,
Give us strength, Lord, day by day
To walk the strait and narrow way.

— Mrs. Susan Boyd.

Select Hymn Song Book

We are again advertising the "Select Hymn" song book (pictured at left) which is cloth bound, containing 633 songs in shaped notes. We will postpay this song book into the fourth zone (which covers a radius of six hundred miles from Guthrie) for 75 cents each. If you want them by the dozen or more, write for special prices. If you live east of Indiana we will have them sent to you from Anderson,

Indiana.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Okmulgee, Okla.—To the dear saints of God scattered abroad: To you I send greetings in much holy love. I thank the good Lord for how He saved and sanctified me over 24 years ago, taking me out of the world and taking the world out of me. I have had no desire for it since then. Praise the Lord. This morning I am living on the victory side in spite of the devil and all he can muster up, for God is my leader. I have given up everything to go and work for Jesus any where He can use me. My heart says, "Amen, Lord, to Thy will." The fields are white and the harvest is great but the laborers are few. God is calling for men and women who are willing to sac-

rifice their lives for this truth.

I desire your prayers that the Lord will ever keep me in the hollow of His hand.

Your Sister, — Frances Bell.

Natchitoches, La. —Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Holy greetings to you and all the faithful ones in Christ Jesus.

I'm yet praising the Lord for His goodness to me. He has taken me through many dangerous places. Praise His name. We do know that it is our blessed Savior's good pleasure to give us the kingdom, because He said it and told us not to fear (Luke 12: 32). This world seems to be almost turned up side down. People who seem to have been faithful once have gone back from the Word. I am so glad that He knows those that are His. Also He told us to not be troubled because these things must need come. So many would not really go back after they have known Him if they would read and consider and take to heart Hebrews 6: 4 to 8, also Heb. 10: 26, 27.

Dear ones, my greatest burden is for the lost. Please pray that I do what Jesus wants me to do in all things. I received October paper and read it; found much soul food. My heart burned within me while I read. I am expecting to send a few more subscriptions soon, and may the good work ever go on in Jesus' name, and His Spirit ever abide and keep all of you free and separated from every hinderance.

Yours, set apart for the Master,
— Sidonia Benjamin.

Monarch, Ark. —Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in our blessed Savior's name. Your good letter was received some time ago, which found us still saved and pressing onward and upward. Isolated as we are back in the Ozark hills where we never see a minister of the gospel, much less hear one, then receive a good letter from some of Gods' children, it is almost like getting a message from our heavenly Father, and our hearts rejoice as we peruse the contents of those letters. As I said, we are where we can't go to church, owing to the fact that we are not able financially to own a car and the distance is too great to walk, but praise His most holy name, we have His blessed Word with us—the Holy Bible which is the guide post we are to follow, the only true guide that leads us to our eternal home prepared for us from the foundation of the world, a home not made with hands, and where all is peace, love and joy, where there is no sickness or sorrow and no sad farewells.

There are so many false teachers among us today

who dope out medicine we just can't afford to swallow. It behooves us to read our Father's Word and pray earnestly lest we be led astray.

We earnestly request the dear saints to pray for us that we hold out faithful to the end. We are looking forward to our blessed Savior's second coming, which I am certain is only a very short time off according to His blessed Word and general observations of the times. The entire world is in an uproar today. Our Lord said in the last days perilous times shall come and those times are here now. Famines and pestilences surround us on every hand. Just think of the many thousands of men, women and children that are being fed by the Government today owing to the great drouth. However, we are requested by God's Word not to worry, for these things need be.

Your Brother, — F. W. Warner.

Rock Port, Mo. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me still saved and enjoying the way of our Lord.

I am sending money for another year's subscription to the little paper, *Faith and Victory*, and for a book, "True Stories of the West for Children." I enjoy reading the little paper so much. I pray God's richest blessings to be with you in this work for Him.

Please pray for me that I live to please God in everything.

Yours in Christ,
— Mrs. J. W. Lorenz.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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Sunday Nov. 4, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Oct. 29—The Growth of Jesus. Luke 2: 42- 52.
Oct. 30—Growth in Christian Graces. 2 Peter 1: 1-8.
Oct. 31—Hindrances to Christian Growth. 1 Cor. 3: 1- 9.
Nov. 1—Pressing Toward Perfection. Phil. 3: 7- 16.
Nov. 2—Advancing in Faith. Hebrews 11: 39 to 12.
Nov. 3—Unity Through Growth. Ephesians 4: 11-16
Nov. 4—Devotional Reading. Proverbs 4: 10- 19.

SUBJECT — Christian Growth

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 2: 42-52; 2 Peter 1: 5-8.

2:42. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they

returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

2 Peter 1: 5. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6. And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7. And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse — But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3: 18.

Central Thought—Growth in the Christian life.

Practical Truth—Growth essential or life will be dwarfed, and die. Spiritual life depends on faith in God's method of growth.

Suggestions To Teachers

When Jesus was a child he obeyed his parents; when a junior he worked with his father at the carpenter work, making advancement in Christian living.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

While Jesus was a "Lamb without blemish," He was under the limitations of human development. "The child grew." Grew in strength—"waxed strong." Infancy is beautiful in its helplessness, but

it would be sad if infancy always continued. Dear young Christians, feed on the bread of life and grow thereby.

He grew in wisdom—"Filled with wisdom." O dear ones, we need the wisdom that cometh from above. James 3: 17. He grew in grace—"The grace of God was upon Him." O precious souls, let the grace of God that brought salvation to our souls teach us something. Titus 2: 11 - 14. Faithfulness—"They went up." O that God would stamp faithfulness on the heart of every one of his children that there be no forsaking. Hebrews 10: 25. Easily taught or ready to learn—"In the midst of the doctors (teachers)." O that all might be as ready to treasure up the truths of God's Word from those experiences.

In devotion—"I must be about my Father's business." May all professing to have citizenship in God's kingdom fully understand we all have something to do.

In obedience—"Was subject to them." He acknowledged parental authority and became the world's most beautiful example of obedience.

In Power—"In favor with God and man." Far more than we think, spiritual strength is the chief power in the world. May all rely on spiritual power to win the world back to God. In knowledge—"The knowledge of God." O let us know God and live. Life calls for enlargement. Grow in grace. The darkest ignorance is ignorance of God.

We have people who say we hear nothing of the *sup' lesson* and find the example of his precious life and make mature Christians. He is the one Master or Teacher who can bring us to fullness of maturity.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Nov. 5—The Christian Citizen. Gal. 5: 13- 26.
 Nov. 6—Reconciliation With Offenders. Matt. 5: 21- 26.
 Nov. 7—Abram As Peace-maker. Genesis 13: 5- 12.
 Nov. 8—The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9: 1- 7.
 Nov. 9—Universal Triumph of Christianity. Isaiah 2: 1- 5.
 Nov. 10—Blessings of Universal Peace. Isa. 11: 1- 9.
 Nov. 11—Devotional Reading. Micah 4: 1- 5.

SUBJECT — The Christian Citizen.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Galatians 5: 13- 26. 5: 13. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

15. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16. This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Memory Verse — All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Matt. 26: 52.

Central Thought — Peace through love which worketh no ill to his neighbor.

Practical Truth — Do violence to no man, for vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

Suggestions To Teachers

Jesus' law is one word, "Love." God's one law—the law of love.

Thinking *peace* instead of *war*— "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

As this is the date which commemorates the Armistice day, our lesson text gives us four obligatory paragraphs. 1. Love your neighbor, verses 13- 15. 2. Walk in the Spirit, verses 16- 18. 3. Bear good fruit, verses 19- 23. 4. Crucify the flesh, verses 24-26.

The Christian citizen will do much toward world peace, and if every citizen was a Christian, bearing

the fruit of the Holy Spirit, there would be no war.

The life of a good citizen (made good by salvation from sin) is the liberated life, "freedom," free to worship God according to the Word of God, free to do good to all men especially to the household of faith. Gal. 6: 10.

It is a restrained life. "Use not your liberty (or freedom) for an occasion to the flesh." Selfishness, wrong desires, harmful actions must all be checked, all must be properly controlled.

It is a helpful life. "Be servants one to another." Those who serve Christ are very ready to serve the needy, help the weak to higher heights and deeper depths in the love and grace of God.

It is a loving life. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." There is nothing stronger than love. It is the tie that binds Christians together in blessed, unbroken fellowship; makes each other ready and willing to make any sacrifice for each other's good and God's glory. Directed life. "Walk in the Spirit and live in the Spirit." O how precious to look to Him to know what step to take. Thank God for the loving guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A yearning life. "May not do the things that we would." We are in the battle while we yearn for the heights, and lift our eyes to the hills from whence cometh our help. The battle is on between the fruits of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. The fully consecrated life, crucified to the flesh with all of its clamorings, is constant victory. Praise our God who giveth the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our memory verse is very significant, as the weapons of our warfare as Christian citizens are not carnal. Jesus did not commend Peter for his rash use of the sword, but told him to put it up, while He healed the servant of the High Priest, and reconciled the crowd.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 12—The Christian as Church Member. Matt. 5: 13- 16.

Nov. 13—The Brotherhood of Believers. Acts 2: 41- 47.

Nov. 14—Consecration and Service. Romans 12: 1- 8.

Nov. 15—Diversities of Gifts. 1 Cor. 12: 1- 11.

Nov. 16—Unity in the Church. 1 Cor. 12: 12- 20.

Nov. 17—Unity in Christ. Eph. 2: 13- 22.

Nov. 18—Devotional Reading. Eph. 3: 14- 21

SUBJECT — The Christian as Church Member
Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matt. 5: 13- 16; Acts 2: 41- 47.

5: 13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Acts 2: 41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Memory Verse — We are members of His body. Eph. 5: 30.

Central Thought — The preserving quality of the grace of God in the hearts of men and women.

Practical Truth — Men and women who have their membership in the Church which Jesus built are possessed with preserving qualities.

Suggestions To Teachers

Lessons to be learned from the early Church. What it means to be a member in the Church Jesus built. Happy and praising God for His house or Church.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In Jesus' sermon just after choosing the twelve, He describes the influence and character of his followers in two striking comparisons—salt and light. Matt. 5: 13-16. "The salt of the earth." There is nothing so transforming, cleansing, purifying and preserving as the gospel lived out in a Christian's life. O that the world had many more such lives to

look upon!

"Ye" serve by shining. "The light of the world." This world is in Egyptian darkness without the truth as it is in Jesus. Let us all "brighten the little corner where we are."

"Ye" serve by instruction, "the apostles' teaching." We have the words of Jesus and the apostles in the New Testament. It is every Christian's duty to live it out on this dying world, and uplift fallen humanity.

"Ye" serve by brotherhood, "fellowship." Has love grown cold? Phil. 2: 1-3. To love and live the gospel is glorifying to God. "Ye" serve by worship, "the prayers." Souls must be in touch with God, also forget not the 'assembling of ourselves together.' God meets with those who of kindred spirits assemble for divine worship. 'Ye' serve by power, "fear came—wonders and signs were done." The Church, when all its members are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, will do the things mentioned in our lesson. Only the omnipotent power of God can create a revival. In the beginning there was power enough in one sermon to cause a multitude to awake to righteousness. Now with the precious Holy Spirit grieved by lack of love, it takes a multitude of sermons to awaken one to the individual need of salvation. These things ought not so to be. 'Ye' serve by good will toward all. "Had all things common." The need of all the needy is supplied; balm for the wounded—just a faithful exercise of stewardship over the means God entrusts to us, and it means much.

'Ye' serve by usefulness—in the temple, at home and in favor with all. The Lord added to the Church such as were saved. He does the same today. No outward ceremony will do anything, but the new birth will make you a member in God's Church.

Our memory verse is very much in touch with our lesson. The Church is the body of Christ. He dwells in, animates, cleanses, nourishes and keeps her, and she is a laborer together with Him. Here lies the safety, strength and success of the true and faithful Church member.

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HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 19—Faithful Stewardship. Matt. 25: 14-23.

Nov. 20—Unfaithful Stewardship. Matt. 25: 24-30.

Nov. 21—A Steward's Responsibilities. Luke 12: 42-48.

Nov. 22—Stewardship of Service. 1 Peter 4: 7-11.

Nov. 23—Stewardship of the Gospel. 1 Thess. 2: 1-9.

Nov. 24—Stewardship of Position. Titus 1: 5-11.

Nov. 25—Devotional Reading. Mal. 3: 7- 12.

SUBJECT — The Christian Steward.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matt. 25: 14- 30.

25: 14. For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25. And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27. Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29. For unto every one 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.

30. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Memory Verse.— Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Central Thought — Stewardship.

Practical Truth — Faithful use of all God entrusts in our keeping—time, talents, money and opportunities.

Suggestions To Teachers

The way to use God's gifts. What we owe to God and the right we have to use it, as stewards of the gifts God gives.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Very much is included in this lesson on Christian stewardship. God grant us ability to impress the weight of the responsibility on each Christian, as our subject is 'the Christian steward.'

Faithfulness is required. "Going into a far country." The disciples saw Him ascend from Mt. Olivet, heard the promise of His return and went to their task faithfully. Faithfulness responding—"Called his own servants." O dear Christian, never fail to answer His call, seeing He purchased you by His blood, keeps you by His power, and is by this entitled to your service. Faithfulness receiving—"Delivered unto them his goods." O what a trust! While 'the government is on His shoulders,' yet He entrusts the interests of His kingdom, Church, Word and cause to the faithful ones. Faithfulness adapting—"According to ability." We all know that no one can do everything, but each can do something. No idlers. The dear Master has a work that just fits each. Let all find their place in the body of Christ and adapt himself to his work. Faithfulness investing—"Went and traded." But the contrast—"Hid his lord's money." The trouble was not that he only had one talent, but the neglect to use properly so as to gain—simply idleness. Accounting—"Maketh a reckoning." It may seem long, but the reckoning day is coming and each will have his own account to give. Reward—"Well done." O faithful stewards, faint not, God's approval will more than repay you for all your toil, suffering, long-suffering and whatever it has taken to keep the trust He has committed to you. Promotion will be next. Stewardship leads to leadership from "few things" to "many things." Faithful steward, be courageous. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Genesis 18: 25.