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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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TRUE WISDOM

The Wise Men coming from afar,
A kingly birth to trace,
Were led by Heaven's lovely star
Unto a stable place.

They thought to find in palace bed
A prince of high renown,
And carried richest gifts to spread
As tribute to his crown.

But when they sought at Herod's gate
The Babe who should be born
They found a monarch filled with hate
Who laughed their dreams to scorn.
Again the star led on for them.
As it had done before,
And stopped in lowly Bethlehem
Above a stable door.

And there in manger crib they found
The One they long had sought,
And knelt with shepherds on the ground
And laid the gifts they brought.
No royal cradle marked His worth,
He was not purple clad,
But angel hosts proclaimed His birth
And bade the world be glad.

May we who follow down the years —
Whose hearts for peace have yearned —
Remember that from palace sneers
The trusting Wise Men turned
To find, from wealth and fame afar,
Where shepherd camp smoke curled,
Beneath God's silent signal star
The Saviour of the world!

— Don Moon.

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

“And the angels said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2: 10, 11.

There are few persons even among devout Christians who realize the extent to which this world is indebted to Jesus Christ for all that is good and to be desired on this earth. “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own and his own received him not.” John 1: 10, 11. The name of Jesus towers above every other name on earth as high as God is over man. A German writer has said that “the life of Christ concerns him who, being the holiest among the mighty, the mightiest among the holy, lifted with his pierced hands empires off their hinges, and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages.”

Men at large admit that Jesus is doing much for the world; but let us see what the Bible shows him to have done, and what he is still doing. “And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Saboath had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrhah.” Romans 9: 29. Does this not teach that if God had not looked with compassion upon this sin-sick world and promised and sent a Savior, we would have sunk into the awful degradation of those ancient cities which God thought necessary to destroy? Left to himself, man can never gain the victory over sin and death; he would languish in despair did not a loving Christ come down and die that man might live. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14: 6.

But while almost every human being has more or less reason for praising the name of Jesus, only

those who humbly obey Him in all things can appreciate the full meaning of those words, "good tidings of great joy." They alone are to join in the spirit of the angels' song and shout with gladness, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Yet the great heart of a God of love "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2: 4.

We see from the first text quoted above that the good tidings of great joy consisted in the coming of a Savior. This Savior was to deliver His people out of the hands of their enemies, that they might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of their lives. Luke 1: 74, 75. This was, and is being done, and thousands of happy saints are today freed from sin, are serving the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and rejoicing in the wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption of Christ Jesus. 1 Cor. 1: 30. Praise the Lord!

Now, dear reader, if you are not rejoicing in the glad tidings of great joy, I want to assure you in the name of Jesus that God wants to save you from the hands of your enemies, and put a new song in your mouth, even praises unto God. Our Savior has not changed. He is the same compassionate, loving, sympathizing Jesus. His mission has not changed. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4: 18, 19.

— R. R.

What Is The Gospel?

Briefly comprehended the Gospel is the message of salvation brought by the visible appearing of Jesus Christ which was God manifested in the flesh.

In Mark 1: 14 we read that Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and He said unto the people, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the Gospel." In Matt. 4: 23 we read that Jesus went about all Galilee, and preaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of diseases among the people.

In Luke 8: 1 it reads that Jesus went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing

the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.

In Eph. 1: 13 it reads, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the *Word of truth*, the *Gospel* of your salvation." So we see that we first must hear the Word of truth which is the Gospel of our salvation. The Word of truth is the Gospel and Jesus is spoken of as the Word, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." John 1: 14. Peter speaking of us who have purified our souls by obeying the truth says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1: 23. The Gospel then is the seed of truth which, if a man receives into his soul, will produce a birth. Old things will pass away and he will become a new creature. This is why Jesus told Nicodemus that, "Ye must be born again." John 1: 3. In the fifth verse He says, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." The word *water* used in the Bible often refers to the Word of truth, which is Christ. For instance, Jesus in speaking to the woman at the well said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The Gospel is spoken of as the "word of life" Phil. 2: 16.

In Rev. 22: 17, "Whosoever will," are exhorted to come and take of the "water of life freely." So we see that the word of truth is the Gospel and also the water of life. Jesus says, "Except a man be born of water (Word) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." John 3: 5. We are not born of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

By reading the scriptures in the first chapter of Matthew we find that Jesus was not conceived in the natural way, but the angel talking to Joseph said, "For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." It was a supernatural conception, and so it is with us — the Gospel or the Word of truth which is the seed, is first received into the womb of the soul and so we are begotten of God and are born again and new life springs up and we become a new creature in Christ by the supernatural power of God. This is why the Gospel is spoken of as the "glad tidings." When Jesus came He abolished death, and "hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." 2 Tim. 1: 10.

The Gospel indeed is glad tidings when it conveys to the mind of lost men and women that they can have life and immortality, for then a new hope springs up into the soul. Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of God; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." Rom. 1: 16.

The Gospel also has an effect upon every one to whom it is preached, for Paul says, "To one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life." 2 Cor. 2: 16. The Gospel, if received into the heart, will mean life; if rejected, it will mean death. Jesus says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11: 26. He was speaking here of the soul of man that was resurrected as born again. Although this body would die and go to dust yet the soul would live on with God in a blissful state. The qualification was, "If we lived and believed in Him." "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." — Fred Pruitt.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Jefferson, Oreg. — Dear saints of God, and *Faith and Victory* readers, greeting once more in Jesus holy name: While my health is still failing me, yet I feel the Lord is letting me live for some purpose, and I have been praying and asking Him of late what He would have me do as I am not active to get around as I have been. I feel He would have me give some of the experiences of my life, trusting it may be a blessing to some struggling soul as I was.

To begin I will say, I was born of poor parents, yet honest and religious. It seemed I naturally inherited a religious inclination, and from my early manhood I wanted to be a real child of God; and at about the age of seventeen years I really believe

God saved my soul and I joined the Baptist church, but not having the proper teaching and being so very weak on many lines, I soon backslid and went into sin, but went on with my profession, claiming to be a child of God, but struggling with my weaknesses, and many times would weep and pray and cry to God for victory, but get it I could not until I was almost in despair. O struggling soul, if you are laboring under weakness of the flesh as I was, I desire to point you to a Saviour that can and will deliver you as He did me, as I will tell you later.

A little past twenty-one years of age, I married a very precious, beautiful girl that would have made me a very lovely wife had I not been so cruel to her. Now I would feel ashamed to mention this if God had not wonderfully delivered me from such a life, and in her last days we lived very happy together. Now all this time I was struggling with myself, but did not know how to get the victory, but about the year of 1892 a *Gospel Trumpet* came to our home, given to us by a neighbor lady, and as I began to read it I became very intensely interested, for it showed me my true condition and the way out by the Word of God. O, the joy that filled my heart, to know I had found something that could help me out of the bondage I was in (which sectism never could do).

I subscribed for the paper. At that time it was a four page paper and one dollar a year. I said to my wife, "If this is true, I have no salvation, but I am hungry for it," for I wanted something to deliver me from the awful condition I was in. I read, I prayed, and wept my way to the cross, until one day all alone with God He wonderfully poured out His Spirit of peace and victory in my soul—oh such peace, such joy, such shouting and praising God for such deliverance from the awful bondage I was in. (Now I am down near the end of the way and victory is still ringing in my soul). O I was so joyful to know I could live peaceable with my wife, with my stock, and had victory over other weaknesses I had. Our little ones were being born into our home, and O our home was so changed. Where once our home was a place of trouble and sorrow, now it was peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (and is yet) and our altar of prayer a very sacred spot to us.

I have other experiences to write as I came down through life, which I trust may be a blessing to some one. I will close and speak of them later.

(To be continued) — H. W. White.

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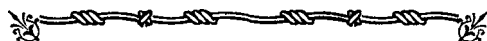
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EDITORIALS

Owing to the Holiday rush and the mail being congested, the January issue of *Faith and Victory* may be put in the mail a week later than usual, and so your January paper will not reach you for the first Sunday in the month.

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We are glad to see the interest that is being taken in the three months Subscriptions for five cents or twenty-five subscriptions for one dollar. For the convenience of those who have not sent in the subscriptions that they would like to, we are extending the time until December 25th, which is Christmas day. This will give all ample time to get in a large number of subscriptions. We are inserting subscription blanks in each paper for this purpose. We want each of our readers to help us get the paper into many homes during these winter months. Do not fail to co-operate with us in this work. God is counting on YOU.

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At this writing, we are attending the Neosho, Missouri assembly meeting. The Lord is working in this meeting which has not been going on quite a week and yet a number have come to the altar of prayer and were saved and some have gotten saved in their homes.

We expect to leave for Arkansas on Saturday, the 10th of November to begin a series of meetings there, to last as long as the Lord leads. After this meeting we are expecting to return to the office, so as to get things in preparation for the holiday assembly meeting at Guthrie.

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In spite of the vast amount of religious cults or clans that are in the world it seems that the people in a general sense are growing more wicked all the time. While this is true, yet you do not need to be among the great number that are going the broad way to torment, for God has provided a Lamb whom wicked men crucified on Calvary. If you will repent and accept the blood of the Lamb as atoning for your sins, you can be saved and ready for the Glory world.

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A man's salvation is not complete until he is wholly sanctified. When the prodigal son arose and went to the father, he met him a great way off. He had compassion on him and fell on his neck and kissed him. The son said, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as a hired servant." He became ex-

ceedingly humble and wanted mercy. He surely was justified then, and felt good with his father's arms around him. The father, seeing his broken and contrite spirit, brought him to the house and told the servants to bring forth the *best robe* and put it on him. (The best robe denotes the sanctified state.) You can put on no better robe while in this body.

When Jesus resurrected Lazarus (which is typical of our salvation) he first told them to roll away the stone, which might be termed a stone of unbelief. Then He said, "Lazarus, come forth," and he came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was bound about with a napkin. This condition would represent a justified state, but He spoke again and said, "Loose him and let him go." This second speaking would mean the work of sanctification which cleanses the heart from pollution, breaks every band and sets the captive free to glorify God.

Man is not responsible for the carnal nature, the evil in the heart, but when he knows that through Jesus he can be set free, he then becomes responsible for leaving it there.

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If you want to know what Satan's wife looks like, just read the first part of the 17th chapter of Revelations. If you want to see the wife of Jesus, read Rev. 21: 9, 10, 11.

The great City, the holy Jerusalem that descended out of heaven from God is the Church of the living God, the family of God which is in the earth today. The life which dwells in their souls came down from God, for they are born of His spirit. They are married to Christ and bring forth fruit unto God. Rom. 7: 4. If you want to know how the wife of Jesus is dressed, turn and read Rev. 19: 7, 8. If you want to know how Satan's wife is dressed, turn and read Rev. 17: 4, 5.

"Mystery Babylon the Great" is the Catholic organized system, and the harlots (who are her daughters) is sectism or human, organized systems called churches which have patterned after the mother.

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Another year will soon be gone. Time is swiftly passing and what we do for the Master must be done quickly. There is no man who has power to retain the spirit when the death angel comes to him. Eccl. 8: 8. There is no man discharged from this war against death. The body is going down and all are warring against death. The old man bent with age will get hold of a cane and keep himself going. Only those who have a "hope of Glory" can be satisfied, as the grave gains no victory over them. 1 Cor. 15: 55. Jesus

says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11: 26. Let each of us believe in Jesus to the saying of the soul, then death will have lost its sting and the grave will have no victory, for the loosing of this clay house or tabernacle will mean the gaining of an "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5: 1. Let each of us have respect unto the recompense of reward and be faithful.

Meeting Notices

The annual assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma will begin December 21st and continue 10 days through the holidays. The Saints' chapel is located on the corner of 6th and W. Warner Sts.

All lovers of the truth, saints and sinners, are welcome to come to this meeting which is largely attended each year. Come and receive the help you need, whether in soul or body. Able New Testament ministers will be present to preach the Word in all its plainness and simplicity. Those posing as ministers who do not heed the exhortation given in the first three verses of the 4th chapter of Ephesians will not be welcomed in the pulpit. Please do not bring your clanish troubles to this meeting to settle, as the sacrifice here is being made for the purpose of saving souls, the sanctifying of believers, the healing of bodies and for the edification of the dear saints. The expenses of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings of consecrated saints. Meals and places to sleep will be provided for all those who attend, as the Lord supplies. A winter meeting of this kind is much more expensive than a summer meeting, so let all do what they can to make this one a success in every way. The most important part is to pray God to lower His presence in the meeting and permit the Holy Ghost to be the sole preacher and leader. If you cannot attend, pray God to bless those who do attend.

Send provisions — groceries, meat, fresh or canned fruit and vegetables — and money to G. W. Winn, 1309 W. Mansur Ave., or to Fred Pruitt, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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A protracted meeting will begin in Whittier, Calif. Sunday the 9th of December. If the Lord provides, it will be held on the order of an assembly meeting, to continue indefinitely as the Lord leads. Pastor, E. M. Zinn. — Meeting Committee.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Silas A. Billington, departed this life Oct. 21, 1934 at Clovis, New Mexico. Age 52 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Caddell of Sycamore, Texas., Dec. 10, 1905. He leaves his wife and 4 children, and many friends and relatives to mourn his death. Bro. Billington was saved during the Clovis revival Sept. 16, at the Saints' chapel.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Clovis, New Mexico Oct. 23, 1934. — H. P. Huskey.

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Sister Edith Thomason of Elida, New Mexico departed this life Oct. 7, 1934. Age, 26 years. She was united in marriage to Mr. Raymond Clayton at the age of 17, who preceded her in death in 1926. She leaves one child. Arlis Lee, age 8 years.

She leaves mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomason, one sister, Mrs. Marie Mizer of Hot Springs, N. Mex., and many friends and other relatives to mourn her departure. Sister Edith was gloriously saved during the last meeting here at Clovis. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the cemetery near Norton, N. Mex.

— H. P. Huskey.

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Sister Mary Benie, wife of J. W. Benie, was born in Cass county Missouri March 31, 1859; died Nov. 2, 1934 —age, 75 years. Joined in wedlock 50 years ago, they came to California 29 years ago, having resided in California almost continuously.

They had one child, a daughter who died 28 years ago. Sister Benie leaves to mourn her departure her husband, J. W. Benie, two grand-sons, Erle and Charles, and many relatives in Missouri.

She was a very active woman, never idle when able to get around. She trusted God for soul and body, claimed healing for an affliction and was doing nicely until she had a stroke which soon took her away.

Her last testimony just before she had the stroke was: "I'm ready to meet Jesus without a prayer." Funeral services were conducted by the writer in Chino, Calif. and she was buried in Pomona. Text: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

We will miss you, yes, we'll miss you.

We will miss you everywhere.

We will miss you at the Chapel

Whenever we go there.

We will miss you, yes, we'll miss you
When we see the vacant chair,
But we'll meet you, yes, we'll meet you
When we climb the golden stair —
We will meet you, hallelujah, up in heaven over there.
— G. E. Harmon.

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Lesson In Revelation

(Revelation 12th. chapter)

John saw in a vision a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. The woman represents the church or the bride of Christ. See Romans 7: 4 also Eph. 5: 23-33. Clothed with the sun signifies salvation or Jesus Christ in His purity and power and unity. See Mal. 4: 2-3. Moon under her feet signifies the Mosaic law under her feet. The law and prophets were until John, after that the Kingdom of heaven is preached. See Luke 16: 16. We are not under the law but the law under us. Her crown signifies that she (church) was reigning over sin in glory, honor and power. The twelve stars were the light of the twelve apostles, and she being with child cried, travailing in birth and pained to be delivered. This signifies the fruit of matrimony, or offspring which is the object of the union of Christ and the Church to bring forth fruit unto God. See Romans 7: 4. This is a true picture of the travail

of the early church for the salvation of sons and daughters to be born or saved from sin or resurrected from the dead state of sin. Some may ask, is Christ and the church married. Yes, if not, then are we all bastards and not sons. See Romans 7: 4 also 1 John 3: 1.

This woman (church) brought forth a man child who was to rule the nations with a rod of iron, this rod was the Word of God. Some teach this man child was Christ. No, Christ was not born of the Church but the church is His bride and He is the founder, and builder of it. He purchased it with His own blood. Christ is our everlasting Father. See Isa. 9:6. What was this man child the church brought forth? It was a multitude of people that were born or got saved. On the day of Pentecost there were three thousand souls born in one day and in just a few days five thousand, then at Antioch history says they numbered to one hundred thousand, so this is your man child. Read Isa. 66:7-8. Before she travailed she brought forth, before her pain came she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such a thing? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once for as soon as Zion (the church) travailed she brought forth her children, so we see this man child was a host of people that were to get saved to rule with a rod of iron. See Rev. 2: 26 27. And he that overcometh and keepeth my words unto the end to him will I give power over the nations and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter even as I received of my father. So the word of God is the rod of iron and the ones that keep His words are the ones that are to rule.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven, and behold a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns upon his heads, and his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered for to devour her child as soon as it was born. This dragon was Pagan Rome. It was a dragon power. The seven heads were the seven supreme forms of government which Rome had. The ten horns of the dragon are the ten kingdoms which grew out of the Roman Empire. And his tail drew the third part of the stars. The tail meant the later end of his reign. The saints are called stars or the stars sometime signifies God's people. See Dan. 12: 3. The twelve sons of Jacob were seen in a vision as stars. Gen. 37: 9. Paul says the righteous shine as lights. The cast-

ing down means the great host of bright luminaries—true saints who were slain by this Pagan Power. Rome was ready to devour every man and woman born into Christianity. While Rome was slaying the Christians and casting them down to the ground those were the third part of the stars which are saints, and in verse 5 says, her child was caught up unto God and to his throne, so the souls of the martyrs ascended to paradise to reign with Christ, and the woman fled into the wilderness where she hath a place prepared of God that she should be fed a thousand two-hundred and three score days. verse 6. The wilderness means a place of obscurity, in which place the church was during the dark age reign. They met and worshipped in dens and caves and different places to keep Rome from finding them, for if Rome or the dragon found them they would kill them, so they kept hid away. This is the wilderness. The twelve-hundred-sixty days we find in Numbers 14: 34 and Ezek. 4:6. Each day was given for a year so we find by history this begin about A. D. 270, and Paul saw it coming. See 2 Thess. 2: 3-4. He says, let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition who appeareth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. So this falling away took place A. D. 270. This was that dragon and this came right out of the church. This was the heaven John saw and that dragon was exalted to heaven and to carry out his plans he killed about fifty million people during the 1260 years of dark age reign that would not bow to their power or to the Pope during this time. This was the flood that the dragon poured out of his mouth, trying to kill off all of God's people, also this dragon was that devil that people believes to have been up in high heaven. It was this pagan Rome power. There never was a devil in God's heaven.

Now the church went into the wilderness about A. D. 270 and continued until 1530, making the 1260 years. Now lots of people are looking for a thousand years when the devil will be chained, spoken of in Revelation 20 and they say the righteous will be resurrected one thousand years before the wicked. Let us see by the Word and prove by history, also in Thess. 4: 15, for this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (hinder) them which are asleep, for the Lord Himself shall descend

from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first, (before we that are alive shall go) not at all before the wicked will be raised. Read the 17th verse. We all will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. In John 5: 25 shows the ones that are dead spiritually, and if they will hear His voice they shall be saved, but in the 28th verse shows the general resurrection, not one thousand years between but in the same hour both the righteous and wicked will be resurrected. In Rev. 20: 5 it says, but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. Yes, it was speaking of a spiritual death, not a literal death. John 5: 25 shows the spiritual death. In Rev. 12 where the dragon was making war and killing God's children begin 270, but at 530 was where the church and state got together. See Rev. 17. The Catholics got in power as the church and state at A. D. 530 and they forced every body to bow to the Pope or worship their way and they took the Bible away from the people and there was no more salvation being preached, no more spiritual births so all on earth except the Church, in the wilderness, had to bow to the Catholic religion and they all continued in spiritual death until Martin Luther came out in 1530 and begin preaching justification by faith. So there was one thousand years spiritual death reigned on earth, not a ray of light appeared except in the dens and caves where the woman or church was. People got saved there in the wilderness but just as soon as Rome found them she would kill them. In Rev. 20: 4 says he saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God. These were the souls of the saints that stood true, also in Rev. 6: 9, souls were not on earth but they reigned one thousand years under the altar. Read all of Rev. 6: 9-12, shows that the saints were being killed for the witness of Jesus and the Word of God, and was not allowed to teach the Word openly or testify for Jesus of His wonderful power to save from sin, sanctify holy and to heal them when sick, and to keep all His people in one fold and not to be divided but that all should see eye to eye and all speak the same thing and there should be no division, for there is but one Church. Jesus built it, He sanctified it, He cleansed it by His blood, so every person, man woman and child that are saved are in that church by the vulture of the new birth, and do not need to join any thing.

— W. I. Miles.

« Young People's Section »

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Good morning to you, Christmas Day,
 We've longed for you to come,
 In memory of God's greatest gift,
 His Son sent to us from
 His heav'nly home to bring great joy
 Unto a sin cursed earth:
 And wise men came and angels sang
 To celebrate His birth.

Born of a virgin pure and fair,
 Laid in a manger's hay,
 The Son of God brought peace, good will,
 That first great Christmas Day;
 And He still brings to hearts of men
 Great peace if they but seek;
 He is a Friend to all in need,
 And strength to all the weak.

— Ethel Lasley.

EDITORIALS

In the 61st chapter of Isaiah we have a prophetic account of the office work of Christ. It reads thus: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath appointed me to *preach good tidings unto the meek*; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called *trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord*, that he might be glorified." Then in the 4th chapter of Luke's gospel we read that Jesus himself went into the synagogue on the sabbath day and stood up to read, and He read this scripture from the book of the prophet Isaias of His mission and work. After reading He closed the book and began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Yes, it is certainly true that Jesus Christ was anointed for this glorious mission to earth and the plan of salvation was successfully presented to the world. We notice that he was anointed "to preach

the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4: 18) therefore He came in the lowly way that he did, and the angels first appeared to the lonely shepherds on the hills of Judea, saying. "I bring you *good tidings* of great joy which shall be to all people." Those who are poor, broken-hearted, disappointed, oppressed of men, friendless or forsaken more readily receives the loving gospel from the Man of Galilee than any other class. They have room in their life for something more, but the pleasure-loving rich are self-satisfied. How necessary it is for the light of the gospel to shine in these days when the poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer. True saints can be very poor, yet make many rich—rich in eternal life, because salvation is a free gift from heaven. Praise God for the truth of the gospel.

We notice from our text that the final purpose of Christ's mission is that we, His children, "might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." God wants praise from man for the work that He has done. "The garment of praise" will be given in place of the "spirit of heaviness." We are the trees which the Lord has planted and He expects us to bring forth the fruit of righteousness, so we can be called trees of righteousness. In Matt. 15: 13 Jesus says. "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath planted, shall be rooted up." Let us be sure that we are a "planting of the Lord," lest we be rooted up. Jesus' sayings of eternal truth will root up him who plants himself in his own human opinions or men's traditions.

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One writer has said: "The best way for us to celebrate Christmas is to show by our lives our deep appreciation of God's gift to the world, and to have hearts full of love for all our fellow men. The true Christmas spirit need not be felt at Christmas only, but we can have that spirit, which is love, in our hearts all the time."

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On another page you will find listed a number of useful and helpful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. Good books and mottoes make splendid presents.

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Summit, Okla. — Dear young saints scattered abroad, I greet you in the Holy name of Jesus: Today finds me saved and encouraged to press the battle on. I praise the Lord for salvation and for what He is to me.

As I read the testimonies of the young saints it moved me to be up and doing in the work of the Lord. I am willing to do all I can in the work of the Lord, though it be small or great.

Dear ones; I am so glad I found a refuge, one who will help me in the time of need. Oh, it is so sweet to live and walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to be ready, waiting for His coming. The precious Word says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye know not the Son of man cometh.

Pray for me that I may be found still working for Jesus when the Bridgroom comes.

Your Sister in Christ, —Lucille Wilcher

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Fairview, Okla. —Dear Young People. Greetings in Jesus' precious name: This finds me saved and enjoying myself in His service. There is nothing better than living a true Christian life. We find many people that once made a start but where are they today? We cannot go on what we used to be or once were, but how is it with us at the present?

It has been almost a year now since I started out in this race. I haven't found anything in this world that interests me to turn back to. I laid it all aside and what good would it do if I would take it up again? It would profit me nothing.

This world is getting worse and worse; people going to hell by the thousands. We find men, women, boys and girls going to picture shows, dances, parties, pool halls, gambling dens, ball-rooms, ball games, etc., smoke cigarettes, drink and get drunk and carouse around all night. They don't have a bit of respect for themselves or for God. Women are getting worse than the men nowadays, so it behooves us, as Christians, to be at our Master's business at all times. We have no time to play around.

I used to be one of those sinful characters—smoke, chew, drink, dance, curse, go to shows and a lot of other things, but the Lord has taken me out of this bondage of sin and set me on the rock that can't be moved, which is Jesus Christ.

My dear sinner friends, come make up your mind that you will serve the Lord from now on and not

the old devil. "Today is the day of salvation." Tomorrow you may die and where will you spend eternity. We have to go some where after we die and there is only two places to choose from, either *heaven* or *hell*. Hell is a place of torment, prepared for the devil and his angels. Heaven is a place of rest for the people who obey God and live as the Bible teaches. There will be no pain, no sorrow nor grief, but happiness at all times. When this earth passes away and you get to heaven, you may look for me, for I'll be there.

Your Brother in Christ, —Ruben Hiebert.

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La Harpe, Kansas —Dear Young Saints: I feel led this evening to write my testimony in this paper. I have much to thank God for this evening.

I was saved three years ago in a camp-meeting at Neosho, Missouri and kept saved until February, 1934 when the enemy by his temptations drew me back into sin. I regret very much that I ever let the enemy get control of my soul.

Last summer I had the privilege of attending the camp-meeting at Neosho and I faithfully promised God if He would convict me I would give my heart to Him. All during the Neosho meeting I felt terrible because I never felt God's convicting power. When I was unsaved before, I always felt convicted when I was at an altar service. But this time I went through the meeting and never got saved. Then the Lord opened up the way for me to go to Norman, Oklahoma with Brother Strech and family to hold a revival. In the last part of the revival God convicted me and I was brought back into the Ark of Safety once more. Oh! how encouraged I feel this evening. I wouldn't take anything in exchange for this wonderful religion. You who are unsaved, when you feel convicted, please don't spurn away the spirit of God. The Spirit may leave and never strive with your heart again. When God was pleading with my soul, it was nearing the end of the altar service and I could feel the spirit gradually leaving me. I don't believe God would have ever convicted me again.

God has wonderfully blessed me during the past few months I have been saved. Although I am isolated, away from all the saints and among the unsaved people God certainly gives me victory.

By God's help I want to be a help in winning souls for Christ. I need the prayers of all the saints that I'll be true and faithful to the end.

Your sister in Christ, —Minnie Mae Roush.

He Gave His Life

Out on one of the great sheep-ranges of the Northwest America, a shepherd was left in a very lonely station in charge of a large flock of sheep. He lived in a little cottage which was fitted up with the necessary comforts for all seasons of the year. There was no other house any where near. This man, Hans Neilson, lived there with only his dog, Shep, for company. After he had lived out there for two years there came a dreadfully severe winter. The sheep-sheds were old and the shelter for the sheep was poor. New sheds were to be built in the following spring. It was hard work for Hans, but he succeeded in saving all his sheep until the last and most violent blizzard of all. The wind blew and the snow fell for three days. After it was over, help was sent from headquarters to see how Hans had fared. They found his dead body near the sheepfolds and his dog standing on guard by his master. The sheep were all alive and well, and it was quite clear to the men that Hans had been trying to place additional protection at the broken places in the old sheds when his brave battle ceased and he was overcome by the intense cold. He might have saved his life by neglecting the sheep, but he had literally given his life for his sheep.

— J. Learmount.

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(Correspondence continued from page 3)

Yorkshire, Ohio —Greetings in Jesus' precious name: It has been my happy privilege to attend Liberty Hill assembly meeting near Chillicothe, Ohio October 7th. The meeting was not very largely attended, but was a very precious meeting. From the very start there was victory. Real harmony prevailed. Bro. Lawson of New Castle, Ind., Bro. Raymond Key, Bro. John H. Strong and the writer were the ministers present. The Word went forth in love and tears and in the spirit of power. Bro. Raymond Key is following the life of his father, Elihu Key, who was one of the pioneer ministers and always held to the old path of truth. God used Bro. R. Key in a convincing way to send forth the truth.

One soul gave his heart to God, others were deeply convicted, and a general good interest was manifest throughout the meeting which closed with an ordinance service. Bro. John H. Strong gave a thorough message on the ordinances of the Church of God. About 16 or 18 happy saints took part in this ordinance service.

This is the third time I have been privileged to

help in a meeting there. It is just like going home to go to Bro. and Sister Strong's, and there is such a precious little flock of God's precious saints there. Remember them at the throne of grace.

I can say I am still pressing on to the prize, doing the little I can to help the lost. I hope to get in some meetings this winter. Anyone desiring our help, drop us a line. I am saved and sanctified—all for the whole truth. Your Bro. in the one body,

— J. W. Foster.

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Webb City, Mo. —Dear saints: I feel led to write my testimony through the little paper. The dear Lord has been supplying our every need, and how good the dear saints have been while husband has been so afflicted. He is away at this writing but I received word that he was some better. We thank all the dear saints scattered abroad for sending us offerings. We surely do appreciate your kindness to us. May the Lord bless all of you. Yours in the one body,

—Sister Will Barton.

(Bro. Barton is still very weak, and is trusting God alone for the healing touch. Continue to pray for him and family).

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Bledsoe, Texas —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I'm sending 25 cents for this little paper, *Faith and Victory*; it's wonderful, for it helps me so much. We are alone here in this community; no other saints to encourage us. We are praying for a meeting here. Dear saints, help us pray for a meeting. If only a few would get saved, we could have prayer-meeting and Sunday school and could get others interested in their souls.

The Lord has healed husband of the flu and healed both of our children many times. I have been healed two different times when the doctor didn't help me a bit. God through His Son Jesus Christ our Lord did so wonderfully heal me of that awful trouble in my head with which I was bothered two years. In September of this year, 1934, I was working at Portales, N. Mexico and some dear saints and ministers from Oklahoma came to Clovis, N. Mex. and held a meeting in the Saints' chapel. Some of the dear saints came to Portales after me and I went to Clovis with them and spent the week-end in meeting. We had a healing service after prayer meeting and a number of us were healed. I haven't had a pain, no, not in the least in my head. I thank and praise the dear Lord for it all. I tell you, dear ones, it's worth while

to live for Jesus; it's the sweetest life. Yes, we have trials but not more than we can ably bear. Praise the Lord. We must resist the devil and he will flee from us.

May God bless all of you and guide you in His service. I am afflicted with tonsilitis at this writing, expecting healing to come, as it did before, by faith. Pray for me that I will be healed completely. Also pray for my little girl who has bad tonsils. They are swollen and she has fever tonight. We are looking to the Lord for her healing. Your Sister, washed in the blood of Jesus,
—Mrs. Hattie Lunday

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Good Pine, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and other workers at the Office: Greeting in Jesus' precious name. Today finds me on the battlefield for my Savior. In these days of spiritual darkness and distress throughout the world, I rejoice to know I have a Father that cares for me and fights all of my battles for me. Praise His holy name.

It is my desire to please God in all things, and I ask your prayers that I may continue in this narrow way. The Lord has been so patient and kind to me in all of my failings. Indeed, it is a great joy to commune with Him here on earth.

Watch, ye saints, with eyelids waking;

Lo! the powers of heaven are shaking—

Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning,

Ready for your Lord's returning.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. N. E. Hooter

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Sunday Dec. 2, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 26—Witnessing by Word. 2 Cor. 4: 1-6.

Nov. 27—Witnessing by Life. 1 Thes. 1: 1-10.

Nov. 28—Witnessing among Friends. Mark 5: 15-20.

Nov. 29—Witnessing of Women. Matt. 28: 1-10.

Nov. 30—Witnessing to the Rebellious. Ezk. 2: 1-10.

Dec. 1—Witnessing to the Responsive. Acts 10: 30-35.

Dec. 2—Devotional Reading. Psalms 107: 1-9.

SUBJECT — The Christian as Witness.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — 1 Thess. 1: 1-10.

1; 1. Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and Lord Jesus Christ.

2. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

4. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

5. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7. So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10. And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Memory Verse — But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Central Thought — The duty of witnessing.

Practical Truth — Being able by the power of the Holy Spirit to witness to the saving grace of God.

Suggestions To Teachers

1st. Sharing the good news of Jesus. 2nd. How the angels witnessed to the good news. 3rd. How Christians witness for Christ.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

As Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, the first missionaries to Europe, witnessed for Christ in the city of Thessolonica, their converts were witnesses for Christ in the two great Roman provinces, embracing

Greece. So Christians today are to witness for Christ.

1. Witness Personally — “Paul, Silvanus and Timothy”; Jesus witnessed to one person John 4: 26.
 2. Witness Publicly — “Unto the church”. The natural testimony or witness is, as God desires, workers together, all showing by word, deed and life, the precious power of Christ. 3. Prayerfully — “Making mention of you in our prayers”. Paul was mighty in word and deed, but much more powerful in prayer. While he was thus in touch with God, he had access to the hearts of men. 4. Trustingly — “Your work of faith.” Have faith in God. Have faith in the work you have to do for God. Have faith in the gospel which is able to change the heart and life. Let your trust and witnessing go together. 5 Unselfishly— “Labor of love”. Without love, all is without power. Love cannot but be unselfish. It lives to sacrifice for others and also makes testimony effective. 6. Perseveringly — “Patience of hope”. O praise God for hope; hope to win precious souls around us; hope to be all God can use *us* for to *glorify Himself*, also a lively hope 1 Peter 1: 3; a precious hope of His second coming Acts 1: 9-11 7. Witness joyfully, everywhere and at all times and places.

We have in the memory verse all that we need power to witness to. Acts 1: 8; and without the Holy Spirit's power all is vain. We must witness by His power, “in Jerusalem, (the home community) and in all Judea, (the home country) and Samaria (the neighboring country) and unto the uttermost part of the earth”; anywhere God opens a door.

O, how glad and very diligent we should be to use God's wonderful gift, *the Holy Spirit*, or in other words, let Him use *us* in witnessing to the saving, healing, and keeping power of our God. Not as some precious *deceived* souls think, power to tempt God by taking up serpents to show God's power, carrying around hot lamp chimneys and placing the hand over the flame where the chimney was taken from and so forth to show God's power. O, dear souls, be not deceived, this precious power of the Holy Spirit clothes people with a sound mind; adorns them with a meek and quiet spirit 1 Peter 3: 4.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 3.—Teachers Needed. Matt. 9: 35-38.

Dec. 4.—Preparation for Teachers. Ezek. 3: 1-10.

Dec. 5.—The Teaching. Eph. 4: 7-16.

Dec. 6.—Teaching a Teacher. Acts 18: 24-28.

Dec. 7.—Teaching that Endures. Matt. 7: 24-29.

Dec. 8.—The Teacher's Reward. Dan. 12: 1-4.

Dec. 9.—Devotional Reading. 2 Tim. 3: 10-17.

SUBJECT — The Christian as Teacher.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Matt. 7: 24-29;
 Acts 18: 24-28.

Matt. 7:24. ¶Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

29. For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Acts 18:24. ¶And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

28. For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

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

Central Thought — The importance of Christian teaching.

Practical Truth — Christ being the central figure in both Old and New Testaments. We must in our teaching and life have all centered in Him.

Suggestions To Teachers

Jesus is our great teacher. We are to learn the

truth from His teaching to teach to others.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The need of teachers today that will teach the whole truth, and the great need of first being taught by the *Great Teacher* that we: 1st. Teach with authority — “He taught them as one having authority.” “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God” 1 Peter 4: 11. 2. Teach from experience — “Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine”. No one can teach the truth in a right way without first experiencing it in heart and life. 3. Teach Skillfully — “He was mighty in the scriptures” Apollos knew how to use the sword of *The Spirit* with effect. 4. Teach Zealously — “Being fervent in spirit.” O, precious teachers, intellectuality is not enough. “Be filled with the spirit” “The letter kills” while “the spirit gives life”.

Teaching must be done with ability. Apolos had the ability to teach what he knew, but he needed to be taught and was humble enough to receive teaching. Read verse 26 of our lesson in Acts.

Be courageous, be helpful, be convincing and teach privately or publicly, God will not let “His word return void.” We have a wonderful message to teach, the Word of salvation to a lost world, the Word of God to be rightly divided so saint and sinner may get their part. Oh, that all teachers would realize the great responsibility of rightly dividing the Word of God, without it, God’s approval can not rest upon it, and souls will be lost.

Sunday Dec. 16, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 10.—The Supper a Memorial. 1 Cor. 11: 23-26.

Dec. 11.—Proper Observance of the Supper. 1 Cor. 11: 27-34.

Dec. 12.—Jesus the Bread of Life. John 6: 50-59.

Dec. 13.—Communion With Christ. 1 Cor. 10: 16-22.

Dec. 14.—The Passover Instituted. Ex. 12: 1-10.

Dec. 15.—Jesus’ First Passover. Luke 2: 41-51.

Dec. 16.—Devotional Reading. Matt. 26: 20-28.

SUBJECT — The Christian and The Lord’s Supper.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — 1 Cor. 11: 23-34.

11: 23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24. And when he had given thanks he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25. After the same manner also he took the cup,

when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.

27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Memory Verse — For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come. 1 Cor. 11: 26.

Central Thought — The broken body of Christ.

Practical Truth — The observance of the Lord’s Supper shows the broken body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Suggestions To Teachers

1st. The supper Jesus gave. 2. Why do we observe the Lord’s supper? 3. Realizing Christ’s presence in the supper.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This solemn ordinance was instituted by Christ, and will monumentally hold His precious sacrifice up to a dying world until He comes again. There has been three monumental ordinances instituted by Christ. This one is to keep and prove to the Church and world that His body was broken and His blood shed. The other ordinance He instituted the same night you will find by reading John 13: and the humility of Jesus is monumentally held up to the church or held up to the world by the church, to show the precious humble Christ to all, in all ages. No granite shaft or monument would last through all time like these ordinances. The other is baptism,

showing His burial and resurrection. There is a necessary preparation on the part of individuals to make them fit subjects to participate in any one of these precious ordinances, but the especial one we have for our lesson today we have very particular instructions as to the fitness of each participant, "Examine yourself."

Jesus chose for the emblems for this supper two general elements, the grain of the field and the fruit of the vine. Significantly the bread was broken and the wine poured out fitly representing the broken *body* and shed *blood*, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come." O, the hope expressed by these words, "till he come". Precious, eternity bound souls, be ready when He comes.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Dec. 17—Birth of Jesus. Luke 2: 8-19.
 Dec. 18—The Christian Home. Eph. 6: 1-9.
 Dec. 19—Marriage Instituted. Gen. 2: 18-25.
 Dec. 20—Duties of Parents to Children. Psa. 78: 1-8.
 Dec. 21—Duties of Children to Parents. Prov. 1:7-19.
 Dec. 22—Husbands and Wives. Eph. 5: 22-33.
 Dec. 23—Devotional Reading. Deut. 4: 9-14.

SUBJECT — The Christian Home.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 2: 8-19; Eph. 6: 1-4.

Luke 2: 8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord

hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Eph. 6: 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Memory Verse — Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 14.

Central Thought — Jesus in the home.

Practical Truth — The establishing of the home marriage, family duties, in every respect must be based on Jesus' example if it is to be a Christian home.

Suggestions To Teachers

Tell the story to the children of the first Christmas. Jesus as associated with a Christian home; what is a Christian home?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

God gave His Son to this world as a gift, therefore Jesus was the first Christmas gift.

Oh, for the Spirit of Christ in all our Christmas gifts. The world exhibits a Christmas spirit which is different to the Christ Spirit, giving rich gifts to whom you can expect a rich gift in return, while a very small present given in love for Jesus will manifest love and do more good. May the life of Jesus be imitated? Jesus glorified God by obeying Him, "I have done perfectly that which thou gavest me to do." By so doing He set the example which, if followed, will transform homes and make them Christian homes. God's Word says, "Children, obey your parents that it may go well with thee." I feel to change this word to fit the modern home, 'Parents, obey your children that it may go well with thee.' These things ought not to be. Parents, wake up, and in the fear of God command your children after you, (may God think of you as He did of our Father Abraham), all to be done in the fear of God, with

love. Children, love, honor, and obey, as God designed, and Christ will dwell in the home. There is a limitation set about obedience to parents: when the parental word is contrary to the Word of God, the Christian child is bound to obey God rather than an ungodly parent. So dear parents, make it easy for your children to be obedient "in the Lord."

There should be such love in the home that there will be a real inspiration to do the part for each to perform. The responsibility of a parent is great: he must have authority and exercise it, in the training of the children. It was said of a mother one time that she spent more time in training her sweet-peas than she did in training her children.

Some parents see to it that the chickens and stock are well looked after for the night, but where are our precious sons and daughters when night falls?

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 24—Test of a Christian. 1 John 5: 1-12.

Dec. 25—Test of Faith. John 8: 19-24.

Dec. 26—Test of Love. 1 John 4: 11-21.

Dec. 27—Test of Conduct. 1 John 1: 13-21.

Dec. 28—Test of Assurance. Rom. 8: 10-17.

Dec. 29—Test of Self-examination. 2 Cor. 13: 1-10.

Dec. 30—Devotional Reading John 15: 12-17.

SUBJECT — Test of A Christian.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — 1 John 5: 1-12.

1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6. This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8. And there are three that bear witness in earth,

the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath tested of his Son.

10. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in the Son.

12. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Memory Verse — Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and whosoever loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him 1 John 5:1.

Central Thought — The proof of the Christian.

Practical Truth — The aim of our studies in this lesson is to learn how to act in all tests.

Suggestions To Teachers

1. God's wonderful gift to us. 2. How to show our love for this gift. 3. How we as sons and daughters of God can claim Christ's help to live our best.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A Christian is a child of God. The greatest change that can take place in any human being is to be 'born of God' or experience the *new birth*. No one can be a Christian without being born again and we can not get the test of a Christian without being one.

"By this shall all know that you are my disciples if you have love one to another." The Christian believes in Jesus Christ, and has the witness in himself and that brings *life*. While they believe in, and love the Lord, they love one another, sacrifice for each other, and love God so well that they will keep His commandments. They overcome the world; for faith is the victory that causes one to be an overcomer. They are enlightened by the Spirit, in short; God's grace will be sufficient for every test, whether it be a test of love, faith, conduct, assurance, self-examination, or fruit-bearing. Oh, dear Christians, let us all keep prayed up, paid up, and by so doing glorify God who so loved us (John 3: 16). Faith and love go together, love sacrifices. Think of the sacrifice God made for this lost world, think of the sacrifices of the early Christians, think of the work of God, in need perhaps for the neglect of proper sacrifice on the part of His children. Dear souls, God's work is what He is interested in, and His children are in His stead to do His work.