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New Year

Do we cringe in fear
Of the coming year,
While our lamp of hope burns dim;
Or do we stand
With a trusting hand
Held firm in the hand of Him?

We've a heavy load
And the rough old road
Leads on to the highest hill,
But in His strength
We'll go its length
If it be the Great Guide's will.

For the path grows straight
And the burden's weight
Is light when He is along;
He casts out fear
And we face the year
With hope and praise and song.
— Don Moon

Be Content

“Let your conversation be without covetousness: and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13: 5). What a blessed promise this is and how close it comes to us in these times of depression. Let us just stop and think for a few moments what this means, “be content with such things as ye have.” For instance, old or made over clothes, plain food and sometimes little of it. Also with our homes, our places to live in and many, many of the material things of this life, when no doubt, in times past we have had better. Let us be like Brother Paul when he said, “For I have learned in whatsoever state I

am, there with to be content.”

Then too when we have obeyed the Lord along spiritual lines and Satan has hindered, and we see no results and our labor seems in vain, just leave it with the Lord and be content with His dealings with us. For He knows best and will take care of all that has been done for Him.

Again we hear Paul telling Timothy, “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content” (1 Tim. 6: 6, 7, 8). Let us keep humble and submissive to God and remember He hath said, “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”

May this be a comfort and a help to many.

— Hazel E. Creson.

The Sin Against The Holy Ghost

According to Matt. 12: 37, 32; Mark 3: 28-30; Luke 12: 10 we learn that all manner of sin is pardonable but *The sin against the Holy Ghost*. This is the question that is bothering the minds of some people, as to what that sin is. There is no sin so great that cannot be forgiven but this one. All manner of sin against the Father and Son may be forgiven but against the Holy Ghost — never. The answer will be found to lie in the office work of the Holy Ghost as being different from that of the Father and Son. While all three are one, yet, they are considered as three when we speak of their offices. The Father is the author of the great plan of salvation, the Son, the one upon whom He depended to materialize or bring about this great plan to fallen man. He only, was found “worthy to open the book”. The Holy Ghost, the one after the great plan had been perfected by Father and Son, was sent to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment that strives with men by way of inherent knowledge, convicting of sin etc. A man may disconnect himself, so to speak,

from the strivings of the Spirit, cast out that inherent principle in him which tends to draw him to God and directly disinherit himself, being severed from the realms of possibilities, hence, all communication is cut off between the man and God, thereby unfitting, unqualifying, unprivileges, himself to be saved. This is the sin unto death. 1 John 5: 16. The Father has done His part, the Son has done His part.

God who hath spoken unto the Fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. "He is now at the right hand of the Father. He went away that the comforter (the Holy Spirit) might come." We are now living in the special dispensation of the Holy Ghost. We have seen some who corresponds to the description Paul gives in Heb. 6: 4-8, but never knew of them coming back to the truth, "sin willfully". A willfree turning again to a life of sin, a deliberate giving up of faith, as he who severs his house from the power house by cutting the connection and destroying his house. Some may infer from Paul's illustration in Heb. 12: 16, 17 that a person might be in a condition that he would earnestly desire repentance, with tears, yet it could not be found. Genuine repentance is not implied here. The margin has it, "He (Esau) found no place to change his mind." A man may commit the unpardonable sin and through fear of awful punishment desire to change his condition, but could not repent — no Godly sorrow. It is not him, but only a selfish desire for that which he believes to be conducive to his selfish interest. As long as there is a desire for real salvation the Holy Spirit is still pleading. It is safe to say, "whosoever will may come." Striving ceases when the Holy Spirit is gone, but a fearful looking for the awful punishment yet in the future, but no sorrow for offending God. Like the thief, sorry that he is caught only.

From these two scriptures in Hebrews it might be thought that in order to commit the unpardonable sin a person must have once been saved, but we will notice that in both places Paul is talking to saved people showing them the awful results of unfaithfulness. As a warning, he is talking about that which was applicable to them, but this does not prove that a man who has never been saved can not put himself in the same unpardonable condition by driving from him the Holy Spirit when being reprov'd of sin. "He being often reprov'd and hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy." I have met some who I believe had crossed the line so I feel like warning saint and sinner a-

like.

There is a time we know not when,
A place we know not where
That marks the destiny of man
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen
That crosses every path —
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.

— G. E. Harmon.

Which Church Is Right?

The only Church of this New Testament Holy Spirit dispensation (last age) that is right and the only one that God recognizes and endorses is the one that Jesus said that He would and did build (Matt. 16: 18). This Church was fully organized and set in working order on the day of the ushering in of the blessed Holy Spirit—the day of Pentecost. The Lord added members to it. Acts 2: 47. And will continue to add members until the last day (John 6: 39)—the general resurrection and judgment day (John 11:24; 12: 48). When He comes to receive it unto himself (John 14: 3) and carry to the new earth with the new aerial heavens surrounding it (2 Pet. 3: 13; Rev. 14: 3). This will be the eternal home of the Church, all the dear Lord's people (1 Thess. 4: 15- 18). This Church is the whole family of God in heaven and earth (Eph. 3: 15). It is the household of God (Eph. 2: 19). It is the one spiritual building of God (Eph. 2: 21). Built of Spirit-born, blood-washed redeemed people from every nation(color and race) by and through the virtue of the precious blood of Jesus. (John 3: 5; Rev. 1: 5; Rev. 5: 9; Acts 10: 35; 1 Cor. 12: 13). This Church has no middle wall or partition between its members (Eph. 2: 14). The members are commanded not to have any divisions among them, but to be perfectly joined together (1 Cor. 1: 10). God, through and by the Holy Spirit, quickens the members together (Eph. 2: 1), raises us up together (Eph. 2:6), fitly frames us together (Eph. 2:21). compacts us together (Eph. 4: 16). knits us together (Col. 2: 2- 19), fitly joins us together (Eph. 4: 16). Through the love of God and our love as members of each other, (John 15: 12, 17; 13: 35) are we only in condition to be laborers together (1 Cor. 3: 9), tempered together (1 Cor. 12: 24), gathers us together (John 11: 52). The members are to assemble together in each place, village or city where located, not apart (Heb. 10: 25). The members are to sit to-

gether in heavenly places (Eph. 2: 6). They are comforted together (1 Thess. 5: 11), followers together (Phil. 3: 17), So we as the saints or Church (not sects) can work together with the Lord (1 Cor. 6: 1). The Church strives together, not apart like sects (2 Cor. 6: 1). We rejoice together and flow together. (Isa. 60: 5).

The name of the church is the Church of God (1 Cor. 1: 2; 2 Cor. 1: 1; Gal. 1: 13; Acts 20: 28). It was named by the mouth of the Lord. Jesus gave it this name and prayed the Father to keep it in his name, which is *God* (John 17: 11, 12). It was prophesied that the Lord would call his people by a new name that the mouth of the Lord should name (Isa. 62: 2). This Church is the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man (Heb. 8: 2). It is the spiritual city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and Paul speaking to the Hebrew members told them that they had already come unto it (Heb. 12: 22). The members of this Church are called the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord (Isa. 62: 12). They are commanded to be holy (1 Peter 1: 15, 16). Called holy brethren (1 Thess. 5: 27; Heb. 3: 1). The members are all holy because they are all saved from their sins (Matt. 1: 21). They do not commit sin because they are born of God (1 John 3: 9; 5: 18). He that committeth sin is of the devil (1 John 3: 8). Jesus says that whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. Sin being therefore the work of the devil, it necessarily makes any one that commits sin the servant of the devil. The members are all born again (John 3: 3; 1: 13) of the Spirit and the Word (John 3: 6; read James 1: 18).

Jesus is the door into the Church of God (John 10: 9). The members all enter into it by spiritual birth, therefore there are no sinners that are members of it. The Church of God is the spiritual body of Christ, and Christ is the head of the body the Church. (Col. 1: 18). But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased Him (1 Cor. 12: 18).

The only creed or discipline of the Church of God is the Word of God (Matt. 4: 4; Luke 4: 4). All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17. The Church record is kept in heaven by the Lord. But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10: 20). To the general assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven (Heb. 12: 23). My fellow labor-

ers whose names are in the book of life (Phil. 4: 3). When the dear Lord keeps the book He is certain not to make any mistake and get any sinners' or unbelievers' names on it, and also to prevent the members from being unequally yoked together with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6: 14). Now when one is born again, born of God, he is spiritually at home in the Church of God and needs no other church home that men can offer, but all are at home and members of the one and only spiritual Body or family of God and have the same care one for another (2 Cor. 12: 25). The church should not be divided up into different sect denominations called churches, but should be of one faith. Stand fast in the faith (1 Cor. 16: 13), joined together in the same mind and speak (or preach) the same thing.

May the truth of these scriptures be the means of helping some soul to see and discern the Church of the living God.

—A. Newell.

SOME THINGS WE KNOW

(1) We KNOW we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. 1 John 3: 14.

(2) By this shall all men KNOW that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13: 35.

(3) By this we KNOW that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments 1 John 5: 2.

(4) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we KNOW that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is 1 John 3: 2.

(5) I have not written unto you because ye KNOW not the truth, but because ye KNOW it, and that no lie is of the truth. 1 John 2: 21.

(6) And ye shall KNOW the truth, and the truth shall make you free John 8: 32.

(7) If ye KNOW these things, happy are ye if ye do them John 13: 17.

(8) And if we KNOW that he hear us whatsoever we ask, we KNOW that we have the petitions that we desire of him 1 John 5: 15.

(9) Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye KNOW these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness 2 Peter 3: 17.

(10) For we KNOW that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens 2 Cor. 5: 1.

— H. W. White.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

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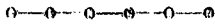
As this issue of Faith and Victory goes forth, it will greet our readers with the New Year of 1935, which we pray will be a blessed and prosperous year for each and every reader, both in soul, body and spirit.

The year just past of 1934 has been filled up with much activity with us here at the Office, and we have also reached out in evangelistic work more than usual both by the printed page and also in meeting the people face to face with the glad tidings of the gospel. In these efforts directed by the Spirit we have had the pleasure of seeing many souls saved, believers sanctified and much Divine healing done by the power of God. Some cases of Divine healing have been very remarkable looking at it from the standpoint of the weakness of men, but very common and ordinary things when we view it from the greatness and mightiness of our God.

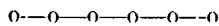
Dear brethren and sisters, when we consider how fast time is flying and that soon these bodies will be laid under the sod and then we can do nothing for our Master, we surely ought to be at our best for God every day, using our means, time and talent to His glory, to the saving of precious souls. We should rightly consider that we are "bought with a Price," even by the precious blood of Jesus and that we are not our own. It seems to me that each soul that knows Jesus would not hold back means or spare any effort to get some soul to Christ. There are some who claim to be sanctified wholly who are holding back property or money for children to fuss over after they are gone and otherwise become so tied to this old world that they will be kept away from the Lord and lose their soul. I cannot harmonize a sanctified life with such actions. The true gospel of Christ is suffering for the need of means and workers to carry the truth to men that they might be saved.

There seems to be many that are becoming "luke-warm" or "at ease in Zion." To the luke-warm God says He will spue them out of His mouth and to those that are at ease in Zion He says "Woe unto them." Let us shake ourselves and draw nigh unto God by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving, asking God to quicken our mortal bodies by His Spirit and do a great deal more in 1935 than we have done in the past year. It is surprizing how much God will work through one soul to do if they will keep themselves pliable in his hand and seek Him earnestly for wisdom, grace and strength.

The past year's service has been one of much joy and comfort to the writer and we feel deeper in God and farther from the world than ever. We have a deep knowledge of being sanctified wholly, all on the altar for service or sacrifice at the pleasure and will of God. By His grace and power we have on the whole armour of God, ready to go forth in the name and strength of Israel's God, defying the powers of darkness in the progress of conquering the enemy and giving praise and glory to God the great "I AM." When we look back over the past battles and conflicts with Satan's forces and review the victories with trophies won through the strength of our God, our heart is filled with love and praise to Him and courage and boldness fills our souls to move on in the battle against sin and evil of every kind.



We are greatly satisfied and encouraged by the way our readers have responded to the "three months subscription" offer. A very large number of three months subscriptions have been sent in and our prayer has been answered in getting a large number of addresses to send the paper to during the winter months and now we shall pray that God will supply means to buy the paper with which to print, so the gospel can go freely to the souls of men and women. The few cents charged is only a starter toward paying the cost of getting the paper to these dear souls. This effort to get the gospel to men is being launched thru faith in God and we need your co-operation in prayer, as we know that God can make a way where there seems to be no way. He has done greater things in the past and we move forward with confidence and boldness, for Jesus is our Captain.



Our evangelistic trip into Missouri and Arkansas with Brcs. Earl Laughlin and Paul Wyatt proved to be very beneficial to our hearts and successful in the salvation of precious eternity-bound souls. Salvation work was done both in Missouri and also in Arkansas. The meeting at Wharton, Ark. was well attended, sometimes 200 people at a single service, which was good for a country school house. The Lord blessed much in the preaching of the Word and it went forth with power and authority and heavenly light flashed upon many souls, bring conviction. Some confessed their sins, accepted the sacrifice and was set free from condemnation. The meeting lasted two weeks and a half. We came back to the Office on Thanksgiving day. Glad to get home again and we truly have much to give thanks to God for.

Some teachers in the world today claim that Satan was one time an angel in heaven. They take the 14th chapter of Isaiah to prove their theory. If they could interpret the Word of God properly, they would be able to see that this scripture is referring to the Babylonian king and God's purpose against Assyria. He refers to that king as Lucifer because he had exalted himself. He said he would ascend into heaven, (would not recognize the rule of the true God). "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" (God's people in Israel). He thought he was the Most High. God cut him down and brought him low. It is preposterous to think that Satan was ever in heaven where God is or that sin could ever originate there or be there. If such was true, then heaven would not be a safe place for us to go. Such teaching is a reproach upon God as though He could not keep heaven pure from defilement. They also try to harmonize the 18th verse in the tenth chapter of Luke with their false teaching where Jesus says, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Satan had corrupted the Jewish nation and had exalted himself as God to them and in them, and had also become a god to the Gentile world through idol worship. The coming of Jesus brought power to men and Satan was being dethroned from heavenly, exalted position. Jesus was not only seeing what the seventy were doing in casting out devils, but His prophetic eye saw further on when Pentecost came and the kingdom of God came with power and Satan's power was broken and he was cast down and Jesus was exalted as the Son of God.

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OBITUARY

Ernest Reuber was born October 18, 1883 in Washington County, Texas. He came to Oklahoma and located near Bessie in 1902.

December 17, 1907 he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Schaub of near Bessie, Oklahoma. To this union were born eight children; six boys and two girls: Louis Reuber, Arthur Reuber, Albert Reuber, Hannah Reuber, Marvin Reuber, August Reuber, Ernest Reuber, Jr., Mary Ann Reuber. He had one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Reuber, and one granddaughter, Maxine Ruth Reuber.

His father, mother, and two brothers preceded him in death. He died at his home November 7, at 10:20 A. M., 1934, at the age of 51 years and twenty days.

He leaves to mourn their loss: his loving wife, his children, two brothers, George Reuber of Bessie, Oklahoma and Willie Reuber of Hominy, Oklahoma; two

sisters, Mrs. Martha Regier of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Wedell of Gotebo, Oklahoma, together with a host of relatives and many sincere friends.

He was saved and baptized and a member of the Church of God of Bessie, Oklahoma. He remained true and faithful unto the end.

The community in which he spent his life highly appreciated his neighborliness. They esteemed his life as an example through which God showed to the world the true path of life. He was not only a good citizen of our land, but was always willing to help his needy fellow-man at all times and in all the ways that he could.

As a brother, a husband, and a father, he was all that a kind and loving heart could be. He took upon himself burdens of others and shared the joys of a Christian life with those who knew him.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. In his home his life will be shining forever. It will be an inspiration and a guide of the true way of life. His life will shine with us forever.

Two days before his death he said, "It will be just a short time and it will all be over."

Dear loved ones, please don't weep for me,
For I am happy since I have crossed the sea;
I now possess a mansion bright and fair,
And have laid down the cross I bore when I was
there.

I'm in this home I talked so much about,
For in my heart there never was a doubt
But what my Savior was preparing a place for me
For in His Word this promise I did see.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 11, 1934, at Bessie, Oklahoma by P. C. Stuart of Drumright, Oklahoma.

OBITUARY

William Henry Smith was born November 2, 1845 in Platt county Missouri; died December 17, 1934 at Pomona, California. Age, 88 years, 10 months and 29 days. He lived about ten hours after being struck by an auto. He died in the faith. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services by the writer. Scriptures: 1 Thess. 4: 13- 18; Job 14: 14; Job 19: 25.
— George Peek

Death has entered the home of Sister Smith and called just in the dawning of her life little Lorraine Smith who was born Jan. 8, 1934 and departed this life Dec. 10, 1934 at San Bernardino, Calif. Age, 11

months and 2 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, a father, mother and a host of relatives and friends.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

"O gentle one, we miss thee here,
Sweet form we love so well;
But in our Father's better care,
We know the child is well."

Funeral services by the writer. Text: 2 Sam. 12: 23.
— Nellie Poulos.

PRAYER REQUEST

I am afflicted in body and desire the prayers of the saints for my healing. —Mrs. Emma Ritchie
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Meeting Report

To all the dear saints everywhere, greetings: Am led of the Spirit to send a report of our labors of the past spring, summer and fall for the glory of God and the edification of your souls.

The past season has been one of much happiness with a few sorrows. The first of March we were called to the bed side of mother who was seriously ill. We continued with her until April 24th when mother went to her reward.

In May we went to the mountains for some meetings. Five souls were saved. During June we were here at Neosho, Mo. preparing for the camp-meeting here. On July 6th we motored to Shawnee, Okla. for the camp-meeting there. We enjoyed the fellowship of the saints at Shawnee very much. Several souls were saved. The meeting there, if any difference, was the best we have ever attended there. Sweet fellowship and unity prevailed throughout the entire ten days. We returned home to Neosho for the camp meeting here which commenced July 20th and continued ten days. The camp-meeting was more largely attended, both by the saints and others, than ever before. From 200 to 250 in regular attendance, and at evening services from 400 to 500 attended. More than 30 souls were saved. Nearly 100 happy saints observed the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper. The baptismal services were crowned with the glory of God.

During August we attended a part of the Oklahoma state camp-meeting at Okla. City, also during part of the Oklahoma camp-meeting and after we, with others, held a revival meeting east of Norman Oklahoma, during which time eleven souls were saved. During September we were sent of the Lord to Oklahoma City, Okla. to hold a revival meeting which proved a blessing to the saints there and much good accomplished by the Lord. During October we were sent of the Lord to Anthony, Kansas to hold some revival meetings. The Lord blessed in the services there. Two souls were saved. On Sat. October 20th before the closing of the meeting on Sunday night, I fell the prey of a nervous breakdown which rendered me unable to finish the meeting there. After being brought home, I am now recovering. Thank God.

On November 4th we were led of the Lord to start an assembly meeting here at Neosho, and which has now closed with lasting results. Twelve souls were saved, some sanctified and healed. The congregation was left in good spiritual condition, for which we praise the Lord. Several visiting ministers were present, also many other saints.

Dear brethren, the good work is going on. Praise God. Please continue to pray God to send strength to my body. The Lord has called me to a new field in east Missouri. So as soon as my strength will permit, I will again be about my Father's business. Let us spread the good news over the land, for the coming of the Lord draweth near. Yours, for the Truth,

—Bro. J. Strech, Neosho, Mo.

Assembly Meeting Report

The last ten days of the old year of 1934 were days of great rejoicing here at Guthrie. The holiday assembly meeting was greatly favored and blessed of God. The presence and power of God was felt and manifested at the very beginning of the meeting and gathered force as the meeting progressed. Saints began to come in from every direction and every one added fuel to the Holy Spirit flame because no discord was felt. Truly the Lord was Governor and ruler in this meeting and a number was heard to say that this reminded them of the day of Pentecost when they were all together in one place of one accord. Between thirty and forty ministers were present, besides a host of workers and spirit-filled saints. In a condition like this, God was unhindered in His work of convicting, saving souls, sanctifying believers and healing bodies. The saving of souls was the prominent feature of the meeting. They would get saved in the early morning prayer meetings. One evening souls began to come to the altar while the second song was being sung before the preaching, and they just kept coming until there were eight souls at the altar, and as they arose from the altar their faces would shine with heaven's glory. Another night after the Word was preached, they began coming to the altar and filled the regular altar and altars were erected back half way to the door and these were filled with seekers. I cannot describe with pen the glory and rejoicing of the saints and seekers as the burden of sin and guilt was lifted by faith in Jesus. The very last night of the meeting seekers kept coming.

If there was a discord or friction in this large assembly of saints, it escaped my knowledge or notice. It was a lovely sight and made us think of what John saw when he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. He saw "the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, adorned as a bride for her husband." This assembly of saints was truly a portion of that "new Jerusalem," being adorned with heavenly graces. The life that was in them came down from God out of heaven. One would have to be blind indeed to see and behold the working of this assembly of saints and not be able to see the visible, heavenly organized Church of God which shone as a "city set on a hill that cannot be hid." Brethren, the "Church triumphant" is a visible reality in the earth today and God is calling all believers to loosen and free themselves from all man-made institutions and swing

out on the promises of God and to abide in the one Church which is His body. We are not able to tell you how many were saved and sanctified, as we lost count of them. Many sought and obtained the in-filling of the Holy Ghost —sanctified wholly. A number of the older ministers who have been attending the assembly here for twenty years expressed themselves that this was far the best assembly meeting that was ever known here. In humility of heart we thank God for His gracious goodness manifested in this meeting. We are looking for a mighty forward move among all the saints in power, unity and oneness.

The unadulterated gospel of Christ was preached in all its fullness and power and the Holy Spirit did His office work in convicting and drawing. Our soul is bubbling over with praises to God. Some ministers were here from Kansas and Missouri and they declared that they were going to carry a large portion home with them.

All expenses were met nicely by free-will offerings as God was working in those things as well as otherwise. We truly appreciate the body of saints that God sent in to be with us through this meeting. Our prayer is for you and with you. God bless each one. — Fred Pruitt.

The saints at Tulsa, Oklahoma are erecting them a building in which to have meeting. It is all finished except the floor and door, and they are now waiting for means to finish it. We feel sure that God would be pleased for some one to help them out with this building so they can have a place to worship. Send whatever the Lord leads, to this Office or to Bro. B. J. Douglas, R. 4, Box 61C, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jefferson, Ore. —Dear saints: As I said in my last testimony God wonderfully poured out His Spirit of blessing upon us as we measured our lives to the Word and the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Our home was a heaven on earth to us. Where once our home was a place of disagreement, sorrow and trouble, now it was a place of peace, love, joy and victory from day to day. As our little ones began to grow up, they too, would come to Jesus, and O how He would bless them. I am sure it pleases the Savior to bring our little ones to Him, for He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God; except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." I pray God, dear parents of little children, that He will put His divine fear upon your hearts, and that you will do your best to train

your little ones for heaven. Some may say, we have known parents to do all they could, and after the children grew up they would go off in sin like others. Even if they do, we can have this grand consolation that we have done what we could and they are the responsible parties. Those things should not discourage us in the least. If I had my days to live over, I would even strive more earnestly to train my children for the Lord. Many times when quite young they will get their simple prayers through when older ones do not.

As we went along from day to day praising God for peace and victory, Satan became enraged and persecution began to arise, and many that were once our friends became our persecutors, and said many hard things to us and about us, and especially when we left the Baptist Church. Some times they would scold, some times they would try to persuade, but we could not afford to go back on what God had given us. It was too precious!

We did not know of any saints near us, so we were just standing there alone with God. We desired so much to see some saints to see if they really did enjoy what we did. One day we saw in the *Trumpet* a testimony of a Brother who lived about forty miles away. I told wife if she would stay and care for the home, I would go and see him. I went, and there met an old Brother by the name of Barker. We had never met before in life. Just as soon as he met me, he did not wait for an introduction, but came and embraced me in his arms and said, "Praise God, my brother." O it seemed I had almost taken a flight to the glory world. When I returned home I told wife I had found the people I was looking for, and it was so much comfort to us. (To be continued) —H. W. White

Ardmore, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am writing to tell you of the healing of our baby, for whom we wrote to you requesting prayer over two months ago. I can truly thank and praise the Lord for healing my little one. He had a rupture from birth and was suffering all the time. We didn't think there could be any thing done for him, but I know your prayers have been answered. I give God the praise and also thank you for your kindness.

I am asking all of you to pray for me and my family. — Mrs. Bergie Collins.

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« Young People's Section »

Thinking Of Home

As we're walking through the valley
Amid the trials here below,
We so often think of heaven
And it makes us long to go.

Go away to be with Jesus
In our mansion in the sky,
Where no sorrows ever enter
And no tear drops dim the eye.

There the angels all are singing,
Making heaven's arches ring,
And some day we'll go and join them
In the palace of the King.

And our eyes shall see the Saviour
We so often longed to see,
And shall dwell with Him forever
In our home from trouble free.
— Susie Whipple.

EDITORIALS

We are now entering upon the responsibilities of the New Year. The failures and victories of the past year will remain unchanged. The failures of the past will, no doubt, prompt us to keep so in touch with God that we will have more victories in the future. Everyone should desire to receive spiritual blessings from the Lord that they may be a greater blessing to others.

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The holiday Assembly meeting here at Guthrie closed with victory. The Lord especially worked in this meeting. A large number of young people were saved and sanctified, and we could tell by their testimonies that they had a definite decision to live for the Lord. Each afternoon during the meeting the young people's meeting was largely attended, and the Lord was present in power to feed our souls. I have never before seen the young saints take such an active part in all the services as they did during this meeting. Several have a definite call from the Lord to work in His vineyard, and it is easy to discern the hand of the Lord upon them, qualifying them for greater service.

As the meeting closed, the young saints parted with greater strength and fortifications to fight the battles of life. Evidently, there is going to be much more work done for the Lord during the year which is before us.

With your co-operation and the leadings of the Lord, we here at the Office are going to increase our work in getting the gospel to the people through the printed page.

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We rejoice in the truth that God has a people separate and distinct from the world and all sects, which fact makes them a "peculiar people". In this gospel day God is calling His people (those who are really saved) out of man-made institutions where they were scattered in the cloudy days of confusion. God is gathering His sheep into one holy fold. The *Faith and Victory* is the only paper that I know of which stands definitely for the above truths, and not only teaches full salvation to all people, but also teaches the necessity of coming out and cutting loose from man-made institutions called churches and dwell in the one holy fold in fellowship with all the saints of God.

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We have in stock a 32-page booklet entitled, *Instructions of Youth in the Christian Life*, written by C. E. Orr. I wish this book were in the possession of every young person. It should be read and re-read often. Here is our special offer until March 1st. Send five cents in stamps or coin to this Office and the book will be sent to you postpaid. — L. D. P.

Faithfulness

Webster says, "Faithfulness means honesty, loyalty, trueness and constantness." So many people fail to realize what the real meaning of this word is. God says in His word, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou *an example of the believers* in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4: 12. God wants us to be examples in this world of sin, and to be examples we must be faithful. "And Stephen full of faith and power did great wonders and miracles among the people." Acts 6: 8. We like Stephen must also be faithful. Dear young saints, it is going to take faithfulness to win souls for Christ. The unsaved are watch-

ing our lives and if we are faithful in all trials and temptations the unsaved can see by our lives that they can also live faithful after they are saved. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16: 10. We must be faithful in the little duties as well as the greater duties. The unsaved are watching so closely that if we aren't faithful in little things they are likely to notice that little thing that we didn't do and it might keep that person from being saved. The person who saw our unfaithfulness might tell other people and in that way keep several people from getting right with God. Therefore, it pays to be faithful in all things because it would be sad to see some soul go into eternity unprepared just because we did something that caused them to lose faith in us.

Many times young people are unfaithful in reading the Word of God, praying and testifying. In order to learn how to be faithful we must read and meditate on the Word of God, that our lives may be more Christ-like. I know the enemy tries to keep us from reading the Word by telling us that we don't have time and that we have something else to do that just has to be done right now, but we must not neglect faithfulness in reading and studying the Word. The enemy of our souls tries to keep us from praying and testifying, especially in meetings. He will try to tell us we can't do anything for God and that there isn't anybody that has faith in our testimonies and prayers, but we must and can by God's help drive back all powers of Satan and be faithful to God. We get stronger in the work of the Lord by testifying and praying, no matter if it does seem little sometimes. It is the little faithfulness that grows, and just a word or two may encourage some soul to seek God. We as young workers for the Lord must become more faithful as we work in the Lord's vineyard. The older saints are not always going to be with us to carry on the work and there will have to be faithful workers to take their places in order to continue carrying on the work of the Lord and win souls for Christ.

Above all, young saints, be faithful in all trials and tests. When we are going through a trial and feel as though we can't possibly hold up under the burden any longer, we must remember "the greater the cross the greater the crown." Keep faithful and the Lord will surely richly bless every one.

A Sister in Christ, — Minnie Mae Roush.

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The Gospel Plummet

When I was a boy, in our home in southern Illinois, I went to the barn-shed one day, took father's tools and some pieces of boards and set to work making a kennel for our dog. I sawed and nailed and in the course of a few hours the work was nearing completion, when my brother, seven years my senior, came in from the field with the team at the noon hour. He reproved me for getting the tools down in the dirt and said they would be broken and lost. He charged me with wasting the lumber and nails and asked what I was trying to make. I told him what it was intended for, and thought it strange he could not see. Soon he returned from feeding the team and said, "Well, that is a pretty thing. It will fall before night." I was much displeased by this comment, and my feelings were greatly affected. Then he came and picked up the square from the dust and placed it on the corners of the crude structure, and I was made to see how very imperfect the work was. The square would have revealed to me the imperfections had I applied it in the course of construction; this I neglected to do.

How true this is of life! We are inclined to look upon our own deeds and see perfection in them without applying the Plummet of the Gospel to prove their rectitude, forgetting that "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Our Elder Brother comes to us in the workshop where we are building for eternity. Do not misjudge Him and think that He comes with the spirit of criticism. It is with love for our best good that, through the agency of man the Holy Ghost, He swings the gospel Plummet beside our lives and points out to us wherein they come short of the requirements of God. Will you not then, my brother, seek God, receive new life, and henceforth build according to the requirements of the Bible?

— O. A. Newlin.

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Osyka, Miss. —Dear ones: I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade and live on Line Creek five miles out from Kentwood. I got saved September 31, 1934 when Sister Katherine Watson was at Line Creek holding a revival. My mother is saved too. I enjoy serving the Lord.

My aunt lives not far from me and she is a little girl of my age. She got saved when I did.

Yours,

—Ethel Lea.

Cairo, Egypt —Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad and readers of Faith and Victory: I am very grateful for the privilege of greeting you again from Egypt in Jesus' name and to report that I am saved and on the victory side. Hallelujah.

I am propagating the gospel of Christ in Cairo, the capital of Egypt, at present. I came here for some business and God led me to some precious souls who stood faithful for a long time and who seem to be very zealous and sincere. We have a meeting-place which is prepared with benches, chairs, gas lamp and is spread with mats. The Lord is letting His Word go forth with unction and souls are being aroused to their lost condition. Last night we had a glorious service and great was the power of God in delivering His word which was much enjoyed and appreciated. The presence of the Lord was felt in our midst and every one got blessed, so that our singing was heard from a far distance. Some testified that God saved their poor souls from sin and over twenty decided to live for the Lord. The meeting-place was so crowded that I was hardly able to move among the audience in order to pray with those who knelt down to seek salvation. We have service nearly every night except Saturday, and also a women's meeting every Thursday. God gave us a precious service this morning among the ladies. They sought the Lord with tears. Six testified to the saving power of God to their souls and seven gave their hearts to the Lord.

The brethren are planning to secure another larger hall so as to accommodate the thirsty and hungry crowd. Trust that an interest be created among God's true people in America toward this needy field. Thanking you for your prayers and material help,

Your blood-washed Brother, —Hanna Arsanious

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Boley, Okla. —To the dear saints of the Most High: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

I feel led to testify to the goodness and mercy of the good Lord. He has so wonderfully and gloriously blessed me in the last three months. For some time I have been afflicted with a weak heart along with other bodily weakness—nervous prostration, yet I resorted only to prayer, and the Lord healed me or relieved me every time without the aid of a single drug or herb, and I give Him all the glory. Sometimes when I would have those sinking spells, one would think every breath was the last one, yet I trusted doctor Jesus only. Bless His holy name. He will never leave us.

About three months ago I took sick with a severe

attack. This time I got so low that I could not lie down to sleep. For several nights I sat up, though seemingly I was too weak to sit up. I did not dare try to lie down. If I did, my breath would leave me, or my heart stop. The good Lord only can tell how I suffered. I told Him, "Though he slay me, yet I would trust him." I meant it, and He knew it.

Making a long story short, today I am up again, able to do (with a very little exceptions) all my house work myself. I was anointed and prayed for by the elders in obedience to the precious Word. I even sent to Hoffman where Bros. Jackson, Robinson and others were holding a meeting and got an anointed handkerchief which seemed to be the turning point of the great test the good Lord brought me through. Though not completely healed, yet the Lord has so wonderfully blessed me soul and body that I cannot keep quiet any longer. I want all the many saints now to join me in praise to God for such a glorious victory. I am stronger in the Lord now than ever before. Your Sister in the one body, saved and kept by the power of God.

—Mary McMillan

San Leandro, Calif. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Will write you a few lines this lovely afternoon and send you greetings in Jesus' precious name. I praise the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy to me and for the decision He gives me to live for Him and go all the way with Jesus. He is all and in all to me. Praise His holy name!

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for the renewal of the *Faith and Victory* for one year and use the remainder where most needed. God bless you in your noble work and may the little paper be a blessing to many dear souls as it has been to me. Being where there are no saints, it means much to have *Faith and Victory*, for it is food to my soul. How I long to be back with the dear saints, but I am glad we can have Jesus with us wherever we are. God bless all of you.

I remain your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Fred Dinkelman

Okemah, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to all in the holy name of Jesus. Today finds me saved, sanctified, satisfied and determined to follow Jesus all the way. Truly, He is all I need in this present world. I mean to fight the fight of faith 'till life on earth is done. I am more and more encouraged every time I read the testimonies of the dear saints. I want to be all each day that the dear Lord would have me to be. Pray for me. Your Sister in the one way,

—Jettie Mae Phillips

CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

In the fourth chapter of our Lord's gospel by St. John we read where Jesus came to Jacob's well, and there met the woman of Samaria who had come to draw water. This woman became greatly interested when the Lord told her that the water He would give would cause one to never thirst, but would be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. In John 6: 35 the Lord Jesus declares Himself to be the Bread and Water of life, and that he that believeth on Him shall never hunger or thirst. After having been born again and made a new creature in Christ Jesus, this water of life begins to flow into the new-born life which constantly conveys to the happy soul strength or power to live a sinless, pure and holy life in the sight of God. To possess the Water of life of which we will never thirst, and the Bread of life of which we will never hunger, is symbolized in spiritual terms only, and only upon certain conditions can anyone experience the truth of this statement. So long as the Christian lives and obeys God or lives up to the pure gospel standard of a holy or sanctified life, this water and bread of life will ever be sufficient to sustain spiritual life, for it is the beginning of eternal life.

In John 5: 24 we read the very words of our Savior, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth in my word and believeth in him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death (death in sin) unto life." In John 6: 51 Jesus declares Himself to be the Bread of life which came down from heaven, and if any man eat of this bread (measure up and live up to a hundred percent standard of gospel life), he shall live forever. This conveys the truth by the Word of God that having died to sin and definitely living a holy dedicated life towards God, this water of life is as a constantly flowing stream that never goes dry, possessing life-giving elements to live free from all sin right here in this life; thus being a living witness to the declaration in 1 John 3: 9, "That whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin."

The prophet Isaiah likens the holy man of God as a watered garden and a spring of water that never goes dry, and John the Revelator speaks of it in symbolical terms as a pure river of water of life clear as a crystal, proceeding from the throne of God. Long ago the Psalmist spoke of a stream of water that makes glad the city of God, for all heaven re-

joices over those who have been redeemed from sin through Jesus Christ our Lord, and are receiving their strength, power, and life through this stream or spring that flows from the throne of God.

How expressive are the beautiful words of that old time gospel hymn:—

"Come thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing Thy praises—

Streams of mercy never ceasing

Calls for songs of loudest praise."

— John H. Griffith

For Consideration

Because of a reconciliation meeting at the Oklahoma City camp-meeting of 1934, it appears there has been a report spread over the land to the effect that we, A. E. Harmon and E. M. Zin and other ministers present, submitted to a freedom of conscience doctrine on the question of life insurance for Christians. This is one of the greatest errors in many years. We have always, and do yet, stand by the doctrine that was taught from D. S. Warner to the present time on this subject and many others of like nature.

Now concerning the statement that was made, "that we do not make life insurance a test of fellowship." According to the Word, fellowship is of the heart and exists where heart purity exists. Holding this and other things to be a test is therefore governed entirely according to light and knowledge on such subjects.

We believe the New Testament ministers of the early part of this Reformation taught a standard equal to the Apostolic standard. We believe to give many external articles of the present day a liberal conscience, that is, to tell Christians to do as they please and not warn them against such things, is lowering the standard. A standard is a rule established by a sovereign through command or example. We believe that Jesus and the apostles raised a standard, both by doctrine and practice, internal and external, which eradicates from the Christian life such articles or principles as freedom of worldly dress and amusement, speculating, treasure-seeking, life insurance, doctoring, double marriage, divorce and such like. We believe life insurance, with other things, is a principle of wrong to a Christian on the grounds that they deal with the body "which is not our own," and in such a way as to be inconsistent with the teachings and practice of Christ and His disciples. Also that they directly or indirectly open a way for the

hindrance of complete faith, trust and confidence in God, that they set a wrong example to those who would keep free from earthly entanglements. We speak not of the world, but how Christians should live.

Now sin is the transgression of the law or knowledge of truth. To us the foregoing articles or principles are wrong on account of light, "for whatsoever makes manifest is light." To make these a test of fellowship would apply to those who have light. To those who have not, fellowship extends until such time as it has been made plain that they are wilfully resisting light, or have in some other way lost salvation. At such time true fellowship stops. Lack of knowledge on some truth does not interrupt fellowship, but resisting truth does. To extend fellowship beyond this point would endanger our souls to darkness. On the ground of no light or knowledge, external things are not made a test of fellowship, but where light comes and is wilfully resisted then fellowship ends.

This is the foundation we are standing on. To give these things liberty in the Church is a far more serious matter than with just an individual alone. There are two things in consideration; one deals with the Church in the full light, the other with the individual who is in the Church but not in the full light. The first concerns the allowing of life insurance with other articles or principles to have freedom as a matter of conscience in the Church, that is, to give it a place in the doctrine to be free as people desire. This we cannot, must not, and will not do, for as we said, this will destroy the foundation. The second concerns an individual who has no light on the subject. To those we should not fellowship the wrong but bear with them until they receive or reject light.

We are not writing this article to create any unnecessary agitation, but to quiet it. The doctrine of Christ cannot be changed, as Paul said, "If any one bring another gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." We advise Christians every where to stay clear of trouble and all things that create trouble. The time is short; it is high time for men every where to awake out of sleep and put on the whole armour of righteousness, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The devil inserts many questions into our midst these days to bring division. If he can get your attention he will get you off your feet. Jesus said, "If ye *continue* in my word, ye are my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Yours in Him,

— A. E. Harmon.

(We advise our readers to consider the truth in the foregoing article with unbiased minds and to steer clear of any doctrine that darken or lead you toward the world. It seemed necessary to print this article because of false reports spread abroad concerning our belief in these true Bible doctrines. We are confident that very few of the dear saints in Oklahoma have any mind to drift to the world and lose their faith in God. This was greatly proved by the blessed and glorious unity and oneness that prevailed in the Assembly meeting which recently closed at Guthrie. I know that there are a few who profess that are chronic grumblers and fault finders, and if they cannot find some trouble to get into, they will pick and pick until they make a sore. I believe that the majority of saints are seeing this, and also that they see clearly the slimy, compromising spirit that would blind their souls and attach them to the world. They will not, by the grace of God, bow to either of these spiritual powers of darkness, and such spirits will have a harder time to mix with the saints now as the cover is being pulled off the sneaking, wool-covered devil. The melting love and unity which God gave in the Guthrie assembly has inspired hope and courage in the saints and they can see better days dawning for the true and faithful. God hates strife, contention and division and the devil hates unity, love and peace. Which one do you want? "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." John 13: 35. —Editor.)

IDLE WORDS

Idle words say 'nothing.'

Yet many things they show.

They mar the beauty of the soul,

Though once as white as snow.

They leave a scar, a stain, a blot

When spoken by the fair,

And add unto the weary still

Another weight of care.

The perfect man withholds them,

The fool by 'these' are known—

'Tis by God's grace we overcome,

We'll reap as we have sown.

Idle words deceive us,

We think they're little things,

But oft' they prove as scorpions,

They, too, have bitter stings.

— Ethel Meadows

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

By Sadie E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond La.

Sunday, January 6, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- Dec. 31—Peter's Conversion. John 1: 35- 42.
 Jan. 1—Peter's Call. Mark 1: 14- 18.
 Jan. 2—Peter's First Campaign. Matt. 10: 5- 15.
 Jan. 3—A Call to Bring Good Tidings. Isa. 52: 7- 12.
 Jan. 4—A Call to Give Warning. Ezek. 3: 16- 21.
 Jan. 5—A Call to Denounce Sin. Amos 7: 10- 15.
 Jan. 6—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 6: 1- 8.

SUBJECT—Peter's Conversion and Call.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion, John 1: 35-42; Mark 1: 14-17

1: 35. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39. He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Mark 1: 14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Memory Verse—And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1: 17.

Central Thought—The call and sending out of the first disciples.

Practical Truth—The necessity of heeding the call from God.

Suggestions To Teachers

Why did Peter go with Jesus? He became a student in the school of God and the greatest Teacher. Ways of winning souls to Christ.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Finishing the studies in the Christian life in the last quarter of 1934, we are beginning Jesus' works and life through the life and letters of Peter, one of the first called and sent out after Jesus began His public ministry as He returned from the memorable temptation in the wilderness. His first great work was to call and qualify four of the disciples who were fishers, and through Jesus, became fishers of men. This meant a change of occupation, but thank God, without waiting they followed Christ in service and sacrifice. O that all who go out as soul-winners would really win souls to Christ. So many win souls to some cult instead of Christ. Win to Christ, not for self, not for creed, or party, not for "our church." Win with the gospel; make it attractive by example. They followed Jesus by testimony, "Behold the Lamb of God." May our life and testimony be such that the association will lead souls to Christ in repentance, in faith and in sacrifice. The fishers on the sea of Galilee sacrificed their nets, boats, relatives, associates and business to gain the greatest Divine business capacitated by Jesus which insures success in their fishing in the great sea of humanity.

It costs no less today to be a soul-winner than when the first disciples began their mission of soul winning. It takes all to be a disciple of Jesus and a soul-winner.

SUNDAY, Jan. 13, 1935

Home Study For The Week

- Jan. 7—Peter's Confession. Luke 9: 18- 26.
 Jan. 8—Peter's Testimony. 1 Peter 2: 1- 10.
 Jan. 9—Nathanael's Confession. John 1: 42- 51.
 Jan. 10—Martha's Confession. John 11: 21- 27.
 Jan. 11—A Centurion's Confession. Matt. 27: 50- 56.
 Jan. 12—The Good Confession. 1 Tim. 6: 11- 16.
 Jan. 13—Devotional Reading. Psalms 34

SUBJECT—Peter's Great Confession.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 9: 18- 26; 1 Pet. 2: 5, 6

9: 18. And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19. They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

20. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21. And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;

22. Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

23. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

26. For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the

holy angels.

1 Peter 2: 5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Memory Verse—And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Central Thought—Confessing Christ.

Practical Truth—The need of being able to confess the power of God thru the blood to save to the uttermost.

Suggestions To Teachers

How Peter pleased Jesus. Peter's great answer. What it means to confess Christ and what think ye of Christ?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

At a critical time in the life of Jesus, He brought the question, "Whom do the multitudes say that I am?" which question brought the great confession of our lesson today. The people thought perhaps John the Baptist had been brought back to life again. Elijah, the one of old whose work God honored by sending fire to prove to a fallen people that "the Lord he is God"; Jeremiah, the weeping prophet; Samuel, who laid the foundation of the Hebrew monarchy, or Isaiah whose gracious words forecast the Messiah or "Christ the Anointed One." It is not strange that these ancient writers all (through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) point to the Christ of God.

Then comes the question, "Whom say ye that I am?" and the subject of our lesson and memory verse answers the question.

Let us see the qualities and attributes of Christ. He is the Christ of prayer, "As he was praying." He is the Christ of fellowship, "The disciples were with him." He is the Christ of Deity, "The Christ of God." He is the Christ of authority, "He charged and commanded them." He is the Christ of atonement, "The Son of man must suffer." Calvary was a part of the Divine program and very necessary for the salvation of men from sin. He is the Christ of sovereignty, "The third day he raised up." He is the Christ of guidance, "If any man come after me." Let us build up a spiritual house by the guidance of the Divine architect. He is the Christ of service, "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake." Self sacrifice will result in a building that will remain, will make us a lively stone in the spiritual house. He is the Christ of salvation, "He has come." Made the sacrifice for all and the "who-so-ever will" may enjoy the wonderful glory of having this mortal put on immortality, "then death will be swallowed up in victory."

We have it on record, "They overcame him (the devil) through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony." Let us always be ready and willing to confess Christ by word and deed. Confessing Christ will strengthen faith, widen service and bless the world.

SUNDAY, January 20, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

Jan. 14—The Model of Humble Service. John 13: 1- 11.

Jan. 15—The Duty of Humble Service. John 13: 12- 17.

Jan. 16—The Spirit of Humble Service. Matt. 18: 1- 6.

Jan. 17—The Cost of Humble Service. Phil. 2: 1- 11

Jan. 18—The Phases of Humble Services. 1 Peter 5: 5- 11

Jan. 19—The Primacy of Humble Service. Matt. 20: 20-28

Jan. 20—Devotional Reading. Luke 14: 7- 14.

SUBJECT—Peter's Lesson in Humble Service.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—John 13: 1- 17; 1 Pet. 5: 5.

13: 1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

3. Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7. Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

1 Pet. 5: 5. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Memory Verse—Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Pet. 5: 6.

Central Thought—Humble service.

Practical Truth—Service by precept and example.

Suggestions To Teachers

How Peter learned a lesson when Jesus washed his feet. The excellence of lowly service. Serving Christ by serving others.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

While some think this lesson has something in likeness to the custom of travelers washing their feet before entering into homes, we desire to make it plain to all that it had nothing in common with that old-time custom, as then the guest was furnished with water and they washed their own feet. Genesis 18: 4; 19: 2.

Had it been like the old custom, Peter would have understood it and not refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet. But Jesus wanted to teach a new method whereby His humility would in all time be held up to the world by this monumental ordinance. O precious saints, let us hold up Christ in this humble way every opportunity we have.

"The feast of the Passover." Jesus no doubt longed to celebrate the Paschal Supper one more time with the disciples. O the fellowship of Christ with those he loved! As He knew this would be the last time He would ever fellowship them in this way, He told them how He loved them, and He loved them to the end. Love inspires service. How easy it is to serve those we love! Divine love makes us all servants. Humility and Christ-likeness enables our service to our fellow-men to count as service to Christ. "Serve one another." True service to God does not fail to serve man. It never tramples down, but lifts up, strengthens and sustains. "Gird yourself with humility." Pride alienates and incapacitates; humility attracts, prompts and promotes the best in the heart and life girded with it. "All of you,"—here is the great responsibility. None who render the service can miss the reward.

SUNDAY, January 27, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- Jan. 21—Peter Confident. Mark 14: 27- 31.
 Jan. 22—Peter Cautioned. Luke 22: 31- 40.
 Jan. 23—Peter Confused. Mark 14: 46- 54.
 Jan. 24—Peter's Denial. Mark 14: 66- 72.
 Jan. 25—Weakness of the Strong. 1 Samuel 17: 41- 49.
 Jan. 26—Avoiding Temptation. Proverbs 4: 10- 19.
 Jan. 27—Devotional Reading. Psalms 51: 1- 9.

SUBJECT—Peter's Denial.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Mark 14: 27- 31, 54, 66- 72.

14: 27. And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

28. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

29. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

30. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

31. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

14: 54. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

14: 66. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there

cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67. And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said. And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Memory Verse—Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10: 12.

Central Thought—Denial.

Practical Truth—The danger of one becoming too confident, and relying on self.

Suggestions To Teachers

Peter's wrong-doing and his sorrow for it. The need of preparation to meet temptation. How Jesus is denied today.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

We should all get a great lesson from Peter's fall. There is great danger in self-confidence.

Let us follow Peter from midnight to about three o'clock in the morning of crucifixion day. We hear him affirming that he would die before he would deny his Lord. But Jesus knew better than Peter did, and told him he would thrice deny him before the cock would crow twice. But he was brought to his senses when Jesus looked at him. O that look told Peter that He knew and that He cared for what had happened. Jesus' love went out to Peter and conviction laid hold of his heart and he went out and wept bitterly. He had sinned deeply but thank God his repentance was deep.

The fear of man truly brought a snare which caught Peter, And many dear souls need to fortify themselves against the same snare. By humility with the fear of God you will be fortified against the temptations of Satan.

Peter's trouble was as many have today, "He followed afar off." He did not seek John's companionship in this critical moment, but was with the ones about the fire. O precious tempted soul, seek the companion who will help you to stand. See the strength Peter had while in the upper room in contrast with the court room. Awake and see the danger you are in spiritually when you are just as comfortable in the company of sinners as with the saints. God grant a greater carefulness to His people today lest they deny their Lord, and look on those who have denied in a way that will make them feel as Peter did when Jesus looked at him. O dear discouraged souls, Jesus knows and cares today for you as He cared for Peter. Let your sorrow for backsliding be as was Peter's. He will be as kind to you as to him.