

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

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

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The Need Of Today

It is better to stand alone with God,
Than to stand with the crowd on error's side;
It were better to bow 'neath the scourger's rod,
To face e'en the cruel, mocking mob,
Than to turn away from the Christ who died.

"Aye! but we do not so," you say?

"Our faith is in Christ; we would die for Him."

Harken! His cause is on trial today;
Whenever the truth calls for yea or for nay--
He is seeking the souls who will stand with Him.

'Tis the cause of the weak against the strong
Today, as it was when He walked this earth:
'Tis the cause of the right against the wrong,
Though the wrong be established through ages long
And the right may seem but of yesterday's
birth.

Still are men building the tombs today
Of those whom a past generation slew.
Oh, for eyes so single to truth's white ray,
Oh, for ears so attuned to God's great yea,
As to know His cause—when as yet 'tis new.
— Anon.

Have You Found The True Church?

Because people of religious inclinations are divided up into different organized bodies, cliques or clans called *churches*, it is necessary to give Bible proof of the true way or Church of the living God.

It is not heavenly wisdom to try to satisfy honest inquirers by human reasoning, as all such attempts would utterly fail; they must and are entitled to the sound truth of God's Word. "Let every mouth be stopped and the whole world become silent before God." Let Him who established the true Church

answer for Himself.

Peter said to Jesus, "Thou art Christ the son of the living God." Matt. 16:16. Jesus responded to this truth by saying, "Upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against IT." Notice the 'it', just *one* Church, not a plurality. Thus Christ is the Church foundation, as we also read in Eph. 2:20, "Built upon the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Also read the prophecy of the same in Psa. 118:22 and again in Isaiah 28:16. The apostle Paul teaches that Christ loved the church and gave himself for IT. Eph. 5:25. We also learn from Col. 1:13 that He is the head of the church. Jesus says Himself, (John 10:9) "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." According to this truth, all the members of this Church are saved persons, 'lively stones, built up a spiritual house.' 1 Peter 2:5. The people of this body are called the "family of God," and include all saved persons in heaven and on earth. Eph. 3:14, 15. The name of this church—the family of God—is, "The Church of God." It is mentioned nine times in the New Testament: 1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5, etc. The benefits of the Church may be enjoyed by any individual person who accepts Christ—the atonement, is born again and continues to be led by His spirit. Rom. 8:14. John 3:

Having a knowledge of the above truth through the Holy Spirit it effects unity, while membership in a humanly organized religious body, even though professed to be Christian, causes separation. No Christian desires to see God's children divided by denominationalism. Division—sectism—is from the evil one, the enemy of all righteousness. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." Rom. 16:17, 18. "Wherefore, *come out from*

among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." 2 Cor. 6: 17; also read Rev. 18: 4.

— Fred Pruitt

HOW TO VIEW LIFE'S CIRCUMSTANCES

SEEING THE UNSEEN

To view life's circumstances as we should, one thing we must get fixed is our belief beyond the point of doubting. We must believe that nothing can ever come to us in life but what God wills to make work out for our good.

When asked how he was getting on in the divine life, one man replied that he was not progressing; that he met with many hindrances. One thing he especially mentioned was his wife. She was a great trial to him. He was asked if he did not know that God would not bring anything upon him except what was for his good. He answered, "I know that; but this was not what God brought on me, it is what my wife brought on me."

When we know God as we should, we know that even the wicked can do nothing beyond what God will permit. When we are fully surrendered to God, our faith will not be hindered by any second causes. Whatever or whoever may be the agent, nothing can come to us beyond what is permitted by the Lord.

The life of Job is a sufficient illustration. Satan had to obtain permission from God before he could afflict Job. God said to Satan, "Go so far, but no further." Satan confessed that he could do no more than God would permit. Dear child, this is recorded for your faith and encouragement. God protects you just as certainly as he protected Job. Satan knows more of God's care for his saints than many of his saints know. He knows well that God's watch-care is round about you; do you know it at all times?

Not only did the Lord protect and care for Job but also for his house and all that he had. Open your Bible to Job 1: 11, 12 and read words that will surely fix your faith forever in the fact that nothing comes to us except that which God wills or permits. Satan, speaking to God, said:

"But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath."

Then the Lord said to Satan:

"Behold all that he (Job) hath is in thy power (margin, 'hand'); only upon himself put not forth thine hand."

Satan put forth his hand to touch Job but he

acknowledged that he could touch him only as the Lord permitted. Let us acknowledge the hand. God is protecting us. When the Lord says that he is round about his people and Satan acknowledges that he must submit to God, we ought to believe it.

"If I could only see the hand of the Lord in all that comes to me in life," says the fainting soul, "then I could always rejoice."

But faith sees beyond the seen to the unseen. We talk about the unseen hand of God. Faith always sees the delivering hand, though we do not always know how or when it is going to deliver. There was an unseen way of deliverance for Israel. Only Moses was able to see God's way.

Not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's notice. The hairs of your head are numbered; nothing shall by any means harm you; the Lord will not forsake you; so you need not fear what man can do to you. A man or Satan may perform some sinful, harmful action, but God will allow only so much to touch you as He can make helpful to you. "Faith is the evidence of things not seen." Faith knows things to be, though we can not see them.

Moses feared not the wrath of the king because he saw. What did he see?—the invisible. In all life's circumstances there is an invisible hand of good extended to us. Grasp it by faith, and it will lift you up above your circumstances.

Meditate upon the following words until you feel their full force: "Faith's vision of things invisible should so affect us that we can not be affected by the power of things visible." Alas, how many of God's own dear children are living under the power of visible things! Oh, that they might have such a vision of the unseen goodness in each trying circumstance as will break the power of things seen! Moses was offered royal sonship in Pharaoh's family's family, but he refused it because he was under the power of a heavenly vision. He understood what sonship in Pharaoh's family—an heir to Egypt's throne—meant, but he also had a vision of the 'reproaches of Christ.' He placed them in the balance; he accepted the reproaches of Christ because he estimated them to be greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. It was not the reproaches only that he saw; but looking through, he saw in the hand of the invisible a reward, a crown of life, and he was so affected by the sight that it was easy for him to forsake Egypt and endure affliction with the people of God. Paul was so affected by his heavenly vision that he lived in obedience to it to the end of his days. Circumstances surrounding

him, though it be an angry mob, the prison-walls, the whipping-post, the waters of the deep, cold, nakedness, famine, or the sword, did not move him because he was living under the power of his heavenly vision.

Suppose a pound of feathers were laid upon you; then a quarter ton of iron. You could scarcely feel the weight of the feathers, you would declare they were but a light weight. The weight of glory that lay upon Paul, through the sight he had of the unseen, eternal things, was so far-exceeding greater than his afflictions that he declared them to be "light afflictions."

Our hope, dear Christian reader, is to be led to the mount of faith, where we can take a right view of all life's circumstances. There is in every trial of life a silent force sent forth from the unseen hand of love, working it all for our good. Behold that unseen hand, cling to it, and your trial can not depress you.

— C. E. Orr.

Convincing Bible Truths

The outbroken sinner without a profession is not the greatest detriment to the cause of Christ, but the professed followers of the Lord Jesus who have only a form of Godliness, having been received as members into the various religious organizations as believers without ever having confessed or repented of sin with Godly sorrow, and by whose criticism of certain Bible truths is leading people into darkness and unbelief.

It is Satan's deceptive plan to hinder or defeat the glorious cause of righteousness, and uses professed Christians to do it. As light is now dawning which reveals the apostolic Church in its purity, holy people of God, led and called by the Holy Spirit (not of men), anointed and baptised by the power of God, are now preaching the pure gospel which is awakening people everywhere to the fact that they have been just *only social members of an organization*.

Many have discovered by the gospel that they have never been born of the Spirit of God or experienced definite personal salvation.

Just recently I read of a woman who was christened when a child and was taught that it was baptism. True baptism represents an outward expression of an inward experience. It is folly to think a child could know what this means. A gospel worker convinced her by the Word of God that she was lost because she had never been instructed concerning the terms and conditions of definite salvation from sin

The inspired Word of God warns us against false teachers, ministers and prophets, and when we read of many cases similar to this woman's experience, and of those in the pulpit criticising some of the principal truths of the Bible, we then realize what the Apostle meant by such a statement in 2 Peter 2: 1.

Just believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you are saved, is a delusion of multitudes who lack instruction regarding the Biblical interpretation of *belief*. A definite belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, which makes one a changed creature, can come in no way other than meeting the terms and conditions of salvation as required by God, and in no wise can anyone ever expect to know what believing in the Lord really is until they repent of sin and be born again. Multitudes of unsaved people believe in a Supreme Being from an intellectual standpoint, but that is not a heart belief.

Conversion reveals how we can commune or speak with the Spirit of God by the motives of the heart. The Lord spake through the prophet Jeremiah saying, "And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Perhaps some pastor will say, "I know what the gospel standard requires, but if I should insist that my people must measure up to it or I could not fellowship them as saved people, they would reject me or either leave the church. What shall I do?—let them alone as they are and be lost with them, and thus consider my salary and the popularity of men more preferable than giving a full proof of my ministry?" It is sad indeed! Shall the Lord excuse a minister who rejects His word of instruction by receiving or confirming anyone as a saved member and fellowship them as such, when he knows or ought to know that they have not measured up to the gospel standard pertaining to personal salvation? If you will read the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel you will learn that the Almighty will not overlook this sort of work of man, but will bring it into judgment and declare that the blood of the deceived and lost due to a minister's failure to obey God will be required at the watchman's (pastor) hand at the final judgment.

There are many who cannot find pardon and peace because they have not made a full and unconditional surrender. They may be our loved ones or friends, and we must warn them with love and meekness to show them by the gospel that they are in a lost condition.

— John H. Griffith.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—
Whate'er may die or be forgot,
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

The Apostle Paul says, "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5: 17. If the apostle had have exhorted us to "Eat without ceasing," his teaching would have been in harmony with the carnal mind and the fleshly desire, as most folks would not think of ceasing to eat even for one day. If they ceased to eat they would lose strength and the body would pine away. Most people are very careful about keeping the body up, but let their souls, which is the most important part of them, just starve to death. Praying and calling upon God is life to the soul. As we read the Bible or a good article on Bible truth, our soul is fed by the Spirit of God and we are kept in good shape to resist the devil and draw nigh unto God.

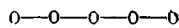
A soul that has Christ dwelling in it will have a burden for the lost and pray for them, pray for neighbors, friends, gospel workers and ministers, for the gospel printing work and workers. God hears our prayers one for the other although we may be a thousand or more miles apart. Just yesterday our souls were especially blessed all through the day and God made the extra heavy day's work light and easy. Some one was praying a blessing down on us. Yes, dear saints, we feel your prayers here at the Office when you pray for us. Thank God for the dear saints. God loves your companionship.

The other night a Sister arose in prayer-meeting and told us about a neighbor man living near her who was unconscious and given up by the doctors to die before midnight. She asked us to agree in prayer for him. We all agreed earnestly that God would have mercy and restore him to consciousness so he would have a chance to get saved before going. We learned today that the man aroused soon after prayer was offered and said, "Something is taking place; I feel better." Be encouraged, dear saints, God hears His people when they call upon Him. "Prayer changes things."

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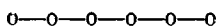
In the last issue we made mention of praying for means to pay for paper to re-stock the tracts, also for a linotype magazine and some repairs—a total cost of about \$200.00. We are thankful to God that we can say that He has been hearing and talking to some of His consecrated ones and most of the repairs have been put on the Linotype machine and part of the paper bill is paid and we are expecting the Lord to provide the rest. The Linotype magazine is a very much needed article and we are asking God to supply the \$100.00 for this need. Let all of our readers

earnestly agree in prayer with us that God will not allow the enemy to hinder the work in this way or in any other way. We are preparing to print more than 100,000 tracts. These tracts and papers go out in a steady stream from the Office to all parts of the world. You can be a helper in this good work if you will. God will help you if you ask Him earnestly. Every dollar you send here to the publishing work means that many more tracts going forth.



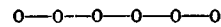
When God gave a law to the children of Israel through Moses He commanded them to give a tenth. Besides, they gave free-will offerings above that. No one who is enjoying the love of God in their heart in this gospel dispensation should think of falling short of God's command to the children of Israel. We are persuaded in our own mind that a soul cannot enjoy the full blessings of God and withhold from giving regularly and liberally to the cause of God. Some may say, "If I had plenty I would give a lot to the cause of God." Yes, they think that, but the fact is, if one will not give of the little they have, they would not give much if they had plenty. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure and pressed together."

In Malachi, chapter three, verse nine, (in speaking of those who would not give a tenth) the scripture says, "for ye have robbed me." and God's wrath was kindled against them and pronounced a curse upon them. Let us pray that none of us be guilty of such a thing. David offered up a wonderful prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord recorded in the 29th chapter of 1 Chronicles. The people had given so willingly of their substance to the building of the temple that David's heart was over-joyed and he poured it out to God in thanksgiving and praise. In the 14th verse he said something very precious to all of us, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." All that we have He has given us. Thank God for His goodness!

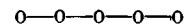


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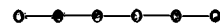
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Jesus said that He came to seek and to save the lost. Dear soul, if you are under condemnation, feel guilt upon your soul, just take a look at Jesus as He hung bleeding and dying upon the cross. Why was it necessary for Him to die? Because you and I had sinned and were lost. He was making an atonement to God for our sins. God is satisfied with the atonement; He has accepted it as clearing the guilty. Dear sinner friend, kneel before God, plead guilty that you are a sinner, ask God to have mercy and to forgive you. accept the blood as atonement for your sins; by faith let His innocent Blood cover your soul, and God looking will see the blood and will pass you as a just man or woman and you will have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By Christ are ye saved thru faith; it is not of yourself, but it is the gift of God. We are justified by faith in what Jesus has done for us. We are sanctified by faith that is in Him. The just shall walk by faith. We are healed by faith and by faith we will receive a glorified body to live with God forever. Glory be to God for such a great Savior!



We send out a sample of fifty or more different tracts to all who ask for them. Write for a sample today and read, pass them on to your friends, send them in the letters you write—help us scatter the good news. Let us all be workers together with Him.



Sinners who are rebelling against God and have evil and wickedness in their hearts will oftentimes get very much 'agitated' when the cover is pulled off and their evil deeds are showed up by the blazing truth of the gospel. A Brother was preaching at a certain place one time and the Holy Spirit was using him to uncover sin and one man got so agitated about the matter that he declared that he would mash that preacher's nose. The only sinners who get agitated to the ruin of their souls on account of hearing the truth of the gospel are those who rebel and hate righteousness. Those who are humble in heart and tired of sin love to hear the truth. It brings godly sorrow that worketh repentance; they confess, ask for mercy and receive forgiveness.

Let every minister and gospel worker keep aggressive in teaching the truth of the Bible, uncovering evil and showing up fleshly lusts and covetousness

and feigned faith which is dead faith, even though many do get agitated because they do not want the truth. Others will love the truth, and with humble hearts begin to walk with our blessed Lord in His lowly and humble

Where plenty of truth is given in love, kindness and Christ-likeness with an eye single to God's glory and the salvation of souls, much good will come out of this and God's rich blessings will rest upon your soul. It is far better to have honor and blessings of God upon your soul than to warm up to the world and pet yourself with their flattery, praise and support.

CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The camp-meeting at Neosho, Mo. will begin July 19th and continue ten days, 1935, Lord willing. This notice is given early so that the saints living a long distance away may have plenty of time to prepare to come. Particulars will be given later. —J. Strech.

MEETING REPORT

Dear saints of God: This leaves me saved and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and encouraged as never before to work and suffer for the Lord.

I feel like relating some of the blessings He bestowed upon us in the different meetings. Just before Thanksgiving in 1934 the Lord impressed me to go to Kingfisher, Oklahoma where the gospel has not been preached in over twenty years. I told the Lord I was willing to go wherever He would have me to go. A few young saints had moved there. Just before I went the Lord began talking to their hearts concerning a meeting. They began praying for the Lord to send some one there to preach the truth to the people. The Lord gave them means and they sent for me. We were all young—not any over thirty years of age. I am only twenty-two.

The saints planned a meeting at Hennessey, Okla. On Thanksgiving the Lord gave us a glorious meeting. On the following Sunday three souls came weeping to the altar and claimed this free salvation. This encouraged our hearts more to hold a meeting in Kingfisher, Okla. We began a revival there the following Wednesday in the home of Bro. and Sister L. E. Droke. The Word went forth with much power. On Thursday the Lord began to send us help: Bro. E. Sanders of Watonga, Okla., Bro. U. Phillips of Dover, Okla., and Bro. P. C. Davis of Hennessey, Okla. and other workers. One young lady wanted to get saved. Her husband objected. She asked the saints to pray

for the Lord to open a way for her. We all agreed in prayer and the Lord gave us the victory before we arose from prayer. On Sunday night, the last night of the meeting, the Word of God went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We extended an invitation. No one came. Just before we started to dismiss, Bro. Sanders asked if any one wanted to be remembered in prayer to hold up his hand. Every sinner in the house raised his hand for prayer. We began singing, *Come and Go With Us To Glory*. Three souls came to the altar and gave their hearts to God. On the following Tuesday night the Lord saved one more, the lady whose husband objected. From that night he began persecuting and beating her, trying to make her give up, telling her that he was going to have the saints put out of town. Then the devil began to work and all his host against us. We decided to give our lives before we would deny our blessed Lord. Every time he would whip her, she would say, "I am going to live it if I have to die on the street."

Dear saints, let us be faithful and pray for the young saints at that place. I am determined to go all the way with the Lord and to suffer for His cause. Pray for me. Yours for the Gospel, --Velma S. Carter

—REPORT—

To all the saints scattered abroad: Today I will give a report of how God has been with us in our chapel-building project. We have built a basement 27 by 40 feet out of brick, which completes the building and with only \$100 yet to pay. We certainly are thankful to get in our building, as we have had only private homes to worship in for months. We thank you for your prayers, also those who sent in donations.

We extend a special invitation to all the saints to come and be with us Sunday April 7th at Tulsa, as we expect to have an all-day meeting and dedicate our building for holy worship on that day. Please still remember us in your prayers.

—NOTICE—

To the saints scattered abroad: I feel like writing you in regards to Brother Will Barton, 400 S. Tom St., Webb City, Mo. who has been very sick the past 8 months with a growth in the stomach. He needs your prayers, also your encouragement. He can't get any help from the government as he won't use their doctors. He has two girls in high school and three children in grade school and two too small to go to school. Their main support falls on a girl of 19 who has to work in a private home. She isn't able to carry the load as she doesn't make enough. Their rent is behind.

Bro. Barton preached the truth as long as he could stand up and hold to the pulpit. Saints, let us show this Brother that we can stand behind him in prayers, encouragement and all we have. According to the nature of this affliction he can't last much longer. He can only eat juices now and they have to be strained. God is able to heal this Brother, but we as the saints must have the faith, for he is so weak in body until he isn't able. Let us all write him a shower of letters of encouragement, also let our prayers go up as one man. —Interested Saint.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Jefferson, Ore. —Dear saints of God scattered abroad, greeting: I wish to speak a word by way of encouragement concerning the work of the Lord. I believe dear Bro. Pruitt and family are using every means possible to get the printed truth to the people, and we all enjoy, I am sure, very much reading the *Faith and victory* paper, and also the different tracts that come from the Office.

I notice in our last paper that there is need of some repairs being made, and also some paper needed at the Office. I don't make mention of this by way of begging or soliciting, (and I am quite certain we have all been discouraged in times past by giving of our means to the cause and see it go to the dump) but I do believe *Faith and Victory* is of God and that He is using it to His glory, and we do need a paper as a medium of correspondence that we may edify one another and also be a blessing to other souls. Let us ask God what He would have us to do, and if we will obey the voice of the Lord, all needs will be supplied.

Praying God to bless the holy brethren, I am as ever your Brother sold out to God and His cause,

— H. W. White.

The Goodness Of God

We feel the Lord would have us write some on the goodness of God. In Eph. 2: 1 we read, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." Quickened means made alive. When we were in sin God in His mercy pleaded with us and bro't us into His fold. Fourth verse, "But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us." Yes, it is the great love and mercy of God that God had for man that "whosoever will" might be saved.

Dear ones, we as the the children of God have something to be thankful for, that we have the experience of the new birth of Christ and become more acquainted with the dear Lord each day. We grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord. In Rom. 11: 22

we read, "Behold therefore, the *goodness* and severity; on them which fell severity, but toward thee *goodness* if thou continue in his goodness." *Behold* means to look or take notice. We can see the goodness of God in every walk of life. But we must continue in His goodness. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering. His Word is forever settled in heaven. Times may change and people fail, but the Word of God stands just the same. It is impossible for God to lie. Dear ones, as we look out upon the great universe and see how God spoke the world into existence and everything moving in their order—the moon and stars to shine at night that we might have light, and also the sun for the day—we surely can say that God is to be praised. He has made all things so complete that we as his creation can trust all things into his hands. "O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him." Psa. 34: 9. Those who fear the Lord do not lack, and no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Dear ones, isn't this wonderful? "No *good* thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." We surely have found it so—everything we need, not what we want, but need. God will supply though we be tried sometimes. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4: 19. Praise God, we have found it so. Dear ones, all down through the ages of time we read in His Word that God supplied the need of His people. In Psalms 37: 25 we read, "I have been young, and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." This dear old Brother was once young, but at the time of his writing he was old, yet he had not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. No doubt this had been proven in his experience. In Luke 12: 24 to 32 we read that He even notes the sparrow's fall. How much more are ye better than the fowls? The Lord is ever watching and caring for his people that fully put their trust in Him. His eyes are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers. I am glad that we are connected with heaven so that our prayers go through and God sends the answer. It doesn't matter what circumstance of life may surround you, God's grace is sufficient. Praise God! You who may be afflicted or needing help from God in any way, look unto God; He will help you and give you what you may need. Let us all work and toil on a little while longer. Soon we will receive our reward. Yours in Christ, -Elizabeth Glass

Brotherly Love

In the thirteenth chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews, and verse one of said chapter, you will find these words: "Let brotherly love continue."

You remember how righteous Abel was slain by wicked Cain. Now this is what happened between the first two brothers that lived on earth. Think about it! Sad, sad, but true!

Satan seemed to have his own way from Adam to Christ. The human family met one another as strangers; and nations devoured and consumed one another like beasts, and through the whole human race the blood-stained fingerprints of covetousness and prejudice can be plainly traced through the past ages from Abel to Zacharias who was slain between the temple and the altar.

Had the Heavenly Father forgotten His children all this while? A thousand times, No. In due time (praise His holy name) the Spirit of God or the love of God through the Son of God reached the human family again. What a change took place! A sinful world was resurrected from death to life, truth crushed to earth arose again. The people in darkness saw a great light, and from that day until now we can plainly see God as our Father and man as our brother.

Friends, listen to me!
 Since God is love you see,
 Then love is God, truly:
 And brotherly as can be.
 Within this crisis to succeed,
 Brotherly love is what we need.
 The blessed Saviour brought it,
 He lived on earth and taught it.
 Though Cain and Satan fought it,
 Yet all His chosen got it.
 It's powerful, sacred, holy, pure,
 For every evil it's a cure.

Sad, but true, discontinuation of brotherly love has caused the present world-wide depression. But when the human family returns to the rejected stone—brotherly love—business will pick up again. "Let brotherly love continue," is my prayer.

— G. W. McMillan

"Depression"

In 1929 the crash came. Who was to blame? The people in general. We deliberately put ourselves into a depression that changed our facial expression and left on us an impression that God had deserted us. God, however, didn't desert us. He never does; we

deserted Him. Each one went his own way and the Lord hath laid upon us the iniquity of them all.

The churches are becoming more and more modernistic. In one of our Protestant churches a dance was given to the young people as a reward for their having helped in the Eatser services, and this was not the only one they have had. Others spend more time thinking of socials and banquets than they do of preparing themselves for eternity. Friends, look about. Every Sunday the churches have large audiences, but how many of them have accepted the true gospel and the true Savior who gave us the gospel? Surely Isaiah was right when he said that God was tired of the sabbaths, assemblies, solemn meetings, etc. And surely Apostle Paul was right when he said that there would be people having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. 2 Tim. 3: 5.

Of course, there are possessing Christians and there are professing Christians, so-called. Why are there so many professing 'Christians' and so few possessing Christians, Why are so many people lost? Why are so many people ignorant of Christ? It's because we are not doing our part as we should. Love for our fellow-man is another point we have failed on.

What causes disagreement in the home? Lack of love. What causes strikes? Lack of love. What causes war? Lack of love. What causes hatred? Lack of love. Greed, that which causes a man to fight for money, land and the devil in general, has caused the loss of many souls. With all these evil trends, no wonder God is punishing the world with a depression.

Since the beginning of the depression people have been running to and fro seeking a way out. They have been and still are searching in vain. They are like unto a person without a light in a dark cave that branches in several directions, We shall never find the entrance to prosperity until we take the most powerful of all lights, Jesus Christ, to brighten the way. We must come back to God, ask forgiveness for leaving Him, put faith in Him and trust Him to bring us out, for surely we can't bring ourselves out.

Possessing Christians, *work harder than ever for the Lord.*

Professing Christians, you are on dangerous ground. You are lost. Accept Jesus now! Believe in Him. Give yourself to Him.

My friends, this takes us all in. Let us therefore trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for a way out and I assure you that by your confession, you will have a new impression that will change your spiritual and physical expression and lift the world-wide depression.

— Edgar Arnold.

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The Key To Success

“And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16: 15. Jesus gave His disciples a mission to go every where and teach every creature the gospel. This gospel must be preached, for Jesus said it must be carried to the uttermost parts of the world. It has not changed, but it is the same old sin-cleansing gospel. Praise the Lord.

Some are going here and there spreading the gospel as God commands. In 1 Cor. 3: 6 we read, “I have planted; Apollos watered: but God gave the increase.” This truth has been planted in many places. God has planters, and He also has those who water the truth sown. We might plant a great amount of grain, but if those who water fail to water, the planting fails to grow.

A young babe in Christ needs constant nourishment until it becomes strong. The Apostle Paul spoke of feeding babes with milk—encouraging and helping those who have stepped out on the eternal truth. The time is short. Workers are laboring and agonizing, making every effort to win souls for Christ. There should be efforts made by others to keep them on the forward march. We are in perilous times and those who step out on the promises of God have a great host of ungodly and evil things to meet them face to face. Many no doubt had a decision at first and failed on the account of these conditions, when no doubt a few words of encouragement would have renewed their courage. The devil has the world going down grade to a devil's hell. Now he is after those who love the Lord or desire to live for Him. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many wax cold. Mat. 24: 12.

It is going to mean something to hear Christ “Ye have done what ye could,” not in saving us alone, but helping and encouraging those who recently embraced the light to become strong. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one. *every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.*” 1 Cor. 3: 8. — Preston Davis

EDITORIAL NOTES

The same principle of wrong that causes the atheists to deny that there is a God also influences

people to disbelieve the Word of God, for in St. John 1: 1 we read that “the Word was God,” and to doubt either one is to disbelieve both. Furthermore, to the extent that we disbelieve or reject any part of God's Word, just that much we deny God. Only the believers can receive benefits from God's many precious promises.

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The Church of God is exclusive in its nature. Christ is the Head and Door. It excludes sinners and hypocrites—a statement which no other church can truthfully say. As Christ recognizes only the one Church which He built, then His people should reject all others as false, and endeavor to rescue the many souls who are deceived. On this subject we will quote lines written by an early reformer: “During the reign of pagan persecution the rulers offered to stop the bloody martyrdom and allow the Christians to worship God in freedom, if they would confess that the pagan idols were also real gods. This they could not do, but chose rather to die. And on this very *point of exclusiveness is the present offence of the cross.* People would not seriously object to God's ministers setting forth the church as contained in the Scriptures if we would recognize their earth-born institutions as being also God's churches.” May God grant holy boldness to His people that they will hold the beautiful Church of God high above the cages of Babylon, and help souls to lift their eyes above the whirl pools of sectarianism!

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A few days ago I had an experience which very strikingly illustrated the truth of the 28th verse of the 8th chapter of Romans, “And we know that *all things work together for good* to them that love God.” Many times conditions arise which do not seem at first to be working together for our good. Nevertheless, good results will be had if we continue to love the Lord.

On this occasion I was feeding large sheets of paper through the cylinder press, re-stocking our supply of tracts. The delivery mechanism which stacks the printed sheets was not working right. It would miss or partly take hold of every fifth or sixth sheet which I run through. This, of course, was rather trying because I had to stop the press and straighten them on the stack each time. I could not readily detect the trouble, so finally I breathed a

prayer to God, asking Him to correct the trouble. Soon after, the delivery missed a sheet completely and it wrapped up on the ink rollers. This seemed to make matters worse instead of better. The rollers had to be taken off and washed with gasoline in order to get the paper off. I was wondering what good would result from the latter occurrence. In getting the paper off, the oil on the bearings of the rollers was washed off also. After replacing the rollers in the press I had to go on the opposite side of the machine to oil the bearings. While doing that, I noticed a bolt loose on the delivery apparatus on that side. After tightening the bolt, I proceeded to run the press again, and it did not fail another time to bring the sheet to its proper place on that account. In this I was made to see very plainly the hand of the Lord, to whom I give the praise. He works in mysterious ways to carry out His purposes. You see the latter trouble was permitted in order to clear up the first one and set everything right in answer to prayer. No doubt I would not have found the loose bolt otherwise. Truly, all troubles "work together for our good," if we leave ourselves in His hands.

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We want to encourage the young saints to be steadfast and unmovable in serving the Lord. He has a special work for each individual in the great harvest field. First He must prepare and qualify you for your work that you may be able to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

On those who are saved and sanctified He has special gifts of the Spirit to bestow, and which is "given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12: 7. In the 31st verse the Apostle exhorts, "Covet earnestly the best gifts."

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We are expecting you young people to send in your testimonies for the paper—tell us how the Lord is blessing your soul and it will encourage some one else. Obey the Lord if He inspires you to write a stirring article or poem.

— L. D. P.

Many of our readers are ordering the "Concordance and Word Book" which contains 268 pages, printed on Bible paper, compactly made, easy to handle and carry in the pocket. It is just what a minister or student of the Bible needs in order to easily find scriptures on any subject. It will be post-paid to you for 50 cents, coin or stamps. Order yours today from Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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Racine, Mo. —Dear young saints: I send greet-

ings to you in holy love this beautiful morning. The weather is hazy and cloudy, but the Sun of righteousness shines as bright in my soul as the noon day of a clear spring day. Praise God. May his love ever continue in us and may we grow in grace is my constant prayer.

I thank the Lord for the Word. It is more precious to me as the days roll on. At Neosho the Lord wonderfully blessed in the preaching of the Word Sunday and also in the Sunday school. We truly have some wonderful times there in the Lord. Our S. S. lesson was found in the first chapter of St. John. It is wonderful and encouraging to know that darkness cannot comprehend light. When light comes darkness must flee. After our souls are filled with light, darkness can be ever so thick around but it cannot come into the soul as long as there is light in the soul.

I am much encouraged to know that there are so many young saints today. You can go to each congregation and you will find a little band of happy young saints. There are a few isolated ones who need our prayers and encouragement. I can think of one hundred young saints from the age of thirty on down. Just think of the band of happy pilgrims bound for the Promised Land. Dear reader, are you in this number?

You that know the worth of prayer, pray for me that I will stay in this race and never stop for anything. Yours, washed in the Blood, —Selma Hiebert.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I feel led to write my testimony for the glory of God and encouragement of the dear saints.

Some of you know what a condition my body was in during the Guthrie Assembly meeting, and how my nerves had completely given away with me.. The request was printed in the *Faith and Victory* paper for my healing, and I praise the dear Lord and thank the dear saints for their earnest prayers. The Lord has wonderfully touched my body, given me more strength and quieted my nerves to a great extent, and given me more courage to press on for him.

Dear ones, when we have on the whole armour of God, which is—having our loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and taking the shield of faith, we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. With such an armour, and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God, I believe, saints, we

can go sweeping through the gates of glory.

We are also exhorted to pray with all supplication and watch with all perseverance. Dear saints, keep courageous, continue to pray on and press on, for God will never forsake His trusting children.

Your Sister in Christ, --- Ozell Allen

PRAYER REQUEST

I ask all the saints to pray for the salvation of my daughter and her consecration to the service of God, and that the Lord will open up a way for her to get busy in the Lord's work. — A Mother.

MEETING REPORT

Bristow, Okla. —Greetings to all in the holy name of Jesus. Today finds me saved and living for the dear Lord, and encouraged to go all the way.

The Lord led Bro. Sam Barton and Bro. Douglas to come to Salt Creek, Okla. and hold a meeting on the 6th of January. One soul was saved and the saints were encouraged. Bro. Barton had to go away on account of his brother and wife's mother being real sick. Yours in the one body, — Katie Johnson.

A Dance That Never Occurred

An ungodly young girl in Texas was getting up a dance at her father's house to counteract the influence of a revival that was being held in the community and to keep the young people away from it. She rode from home to home, giving out the invitations, and at the last place, on leaving, she uttered in a gay, reckless way these fearful words: "I am one day nearer hell than I ever was before. Pray that I may hold out faithful." She galloped away, but in a few moments her horse came back dragging the dead body of the rider. — Sel.

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Marshall, Okla. —Dear saints scattered abroad: I feel like writing my testimony in the *Faith and Victory* paper. I praise the good Lord for His redeeming love in my soul. I am happy in my soul. Some times I have to weep for joy. It surely pays to serve the Lord. He promises that He will guide us with His eye; isn't that wonderful? I feel so unworthy of the Lord. I ask the good Lord to have His way with me. I want to let my light shine so the worldly people can see there is a reality in the religion of Jesus Christ. Your saved Brother, —J. J. Boebel.

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Zillah, Wash. —Dear Sister Pruitt and co-workers: Enclosed find 10 cents. Send me the booklet, "The Instructions of Youth in the Christian Life." I sure

enjoy *Faith and Victory*; it is food for my soul.

Today finds me saved and my only desire is to live closer to Jesus each day.

My folks are both well and feeling fine. I guess you remember when they wrote and requested prayer. They were healed just a few days after writing to you. We thank the Lord for His healing power and for your earnest prayers. Your letter too was much encouragement. Yours in Him, — Emma Lechner

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Hennessey, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad: Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am saved and still enjoying this wonderful salvation. Praise the dear Lord.

I just returned a few weeks ago from Louisiana. The dear Lord has laid a burden on my heart for Louisiana, especially the city of Natchitoches. It is in a pitiful condition. Some people there are living up to all the light they have, and others are wanting the truth. I believe it is the duty of the saints to help get the truth in that place. We are praying the Lord to send the truth there this spring, the Lord willing. Sister Annie Lee, R. 1, Hennessey, Okla. is our treasurer, so after reading and praying over this, if any one feels led by the Lord to send some means to Sister Lee for whosoever the Lord chooses to go to Louisiana to preach the pure gospel, our hearts say, amen. Your saved Sister, — Annie Wiley.

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Lindsay, Ontario, Canada— I sit down to write you a few lines, hoping this letter will find you happy and well in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I trust in the Lord, read my Bible and pray to God every day and night, asking Him to guide me and to keep me in His care. I have not been very well.

I am very fond of reading the paper. I read them over and over and they get worn out so I cannot read them any more. I am sending in my sister's subscription to the paper and also sending for two books you advertise. I am thankful that you show the way in your paper to go to our Heavenly Father. May God bless you. — Joshua Lively

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Jefferson, Ore. —We moved to Fredericktown, Mo. Nov. 1, 1899, believing God wanted us there, but Satan set in to hinder(1 Thess. 2: 18) by afflicting one of our children, but God wonderfully blessed by healing her. We did what we could to get the truth to the people, but it was rather a hard place as it was a sectarian town, but I believe God blessed in spite of

all. We truly went through the fiery furnace of affliction. About the first of February another one of our little girls taken sick with pneumonia fever and was very sick for a few days, but God had mercy, heard and answered prayer and healed her. Then about the last day of February my wife taken sick with the same kind of fever, lived about ten days and died, leaving me with five little helpless children, the youngest not being two years old. In the sectarian town we had great persecution because we trusted God for her healing even in the face of the threats of the law. I will just give an ad which came out in the newspaper against me: "A Mrs. White, on Colege Ave., died last Monday night of something like pneumonia fever, leaving four or five young children; and it is said the woman died without a doctor, and that there is a law in the state of Missouri against such proceedings, and that the next grand jury should sift the thing to the bottom." I realized what that meant; I might have to go behind the prison bars at any time. My friends would ask me if I thought they would indict me, and I would say I don't know, they may, but it matters not to me; if God can get more glory out of my life to Himself in the prison, I am just as willing to go there as not. I would say, I don't know what will become of my five little helpless children, but I feel sure that the God whom I serve will care for them. I never felt more resigned to the will of God in all my life. It truly was a fulfillment of Daniel 12: 10, "purified, made white and tried," and while my loss was very great, I realized my loss was her eternal gain, and I could only say with Bro. Paul (Rom. 8: 38, 39) that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

I remained there a few days, then moved to a little three-room house, as the rent was so high for the one that we were in that we could not pay it. So the Lord over-ruled all to His glory, and I did not have to go to jail. After a few days I told the little children that we would go down to Grandpa's and stay a few days until we could get more reconciled. So we went, and stayed longer than I expected as the little fellows took the chicken pox. The dear Lord began to open up the way for us. I could not look to my people for they were opposed to the truth. I will tell you in the next letter how wonderfully the Lord opened up the way. (To be continued) --H. W. White

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SUNDAY, March 3, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- Feb. 25--Peter Unmasks Falsehood. Acts 5: 1- 6.
Feb. 26--Peter Unmasks Hypocrisy. Acts 8: 18- 24.
Feb. 27--Jesus Unmasks Hypocrisy. Matt. 23: 23 -28.
Feb. 28--Telling a Lie. 1 Kings 13: 11- 22.
March 1--Telling the Truth. 1 Samuel 3: 15- 21.
March 2--Living Honestly. Eph. 4: 25- 32.
March 3--Devotional Reading. Psalms 139: 17- 24

SUBJECT--*Peter Unmasks Falsehood and Hypocrisy*
Lesson Text, Printed Portion--Acts 5: 1- 6; 8: 18- 24.

5: 1. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
2. And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4. Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

g. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

8: 18. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19. Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye

have spoken come upon me.

Memory Verse—Wherefore, putting away lying speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Eph. 4: 25.

Central Thought—Unmasking the false.

Practical Truth—The danger of desiring prominence in Christian giving.

Suggestion To Teachers

Peter stands for truth and honesty. The sin of untruthfulness. The present forms of hypocrisy.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Our lesson surely teaches us the seriousness of desiring to be like others in the work of God without making the sacrifice that makes them alike. History says that Barnabas who became associated with Paul, was so in earnest in the work of God and in the needy that he sold his land and put the money into the apostles' hands to be distributed among the needy. But two others coveted the same honor without being willing to make the same sacrifice—giving all. It was a heavy blow when Peter told them they had not lied to men, but to God. Satan-inspired lie, "conceived in the heart." O I am made to wonder how many spiritually dead folk there are who profess to give all when only a very small part is given, maybe nothing. Remember God is keeping the record. Ananias, 'an object of God's mercy,' and Sapphira, 'the beautiful,' were members of the Church in Jerusalem "in good standing." Profession is not enough. Speak the truth in the heart. (Will leave the comment on the later part of this lesson for your own study because of a lack of space, as March has five Sundays.

SUNDAY, March 10, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

March 4—Peter and Cornelius. Acts 10: 34- 43

March 5—The Holy Spirit and Cornelius. Acts 10: 44- 48.

March 6—Jesus and a Roman. Matt. 8: 5- 13.

March 7—Jesus and a Greek. Mark 7: 24- 30.

March 8—Jesus and the Samaritans. John 4: 39- 42.

March 9—Jesus and all the World. Mark 16: 14- 20.

March 10—Devotional Reading. Psalms 67: 1- 7.

SUBJECT—*Peter Preaches To The Gentiles*

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 10: 34- 48.

10: 34. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord

of all:)

37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached.

38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he arose from the dead.

42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48. And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Memory Verse—God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10: 34, 35.

Central Thought—The gospel to all nations.

Practical Truth—Without respect of persons, "God is rich unto all that call upon him."

Suggestion To Teachers

Peter learns that God loves everybody. He also learns something new—the gospel for all. Overcoming racial and national prejudices.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

There is always room for God's people to learn. Peter learned a new lesson when God prepared him for the acceptance of the call to go to Cornelius' house. God is still no respecter of persons. A dear old slave,

who had a right to respect persons, naturally speaking, said he became "color blind" when God saved him from sin, and he so loved his master and made it known to him that it touched his heart and became a child of God too. All racial and national prejudices are blotted out through the Blood.

The gospel is needed in all nations and it is God's will that it should be preached to all. All must be saved on the same conditions. Jesus died and was resurrected and through His shed blood all can be saved, regardless of color, race or nationality. Jesus' sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection opened the way.

The new lesson Peter learned made him a soul winner in new fields, and our lesson tells us how God brought the precious gift of the Holy Spirit to Cornelius and his household while Peter preached the gospel to them. We learn that although Peter and Cornelius were miles apart, they each had a divine message that directed each to the other. "Cornelius was a Roman, born in Italy; the captain of a hundred men at Caesarea, the political capital of Palestine." Our lesson tells us of his worship, almsgiving and prayer life.

SUNDAY, March 17, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- March 11—Peter's Deliverance. Acts 12: 5- 17.
 March 12—Israel's Deliverance. Exodus 14: 21- 31.
 March 13—Elisha's Deliverance. 2 Kings 6: 11- 18.
 March 14—Daniel's Deliverance. Daniel 6: 16- 23.
 March 15—Paul's Deliverance. 2 Cor. 1: 3- 11.
 March 16—Deliverance by Christ. Mark 4: 35- 41.
 March 17—Devotional Reading. Psalms 34: 1- 8.

SUBJECT—*Peter Delivered From Prison.*

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 12: 1- 19.

12. 1. Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4. And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two

soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9. And he went out, and followed him: and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10. When they were past the first and second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

14. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

16. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

18. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and there abode.

Memory Verse—Prayer was made earnestly of the Church unto God for him. Acts 12: 5.

Central Thought—Deliverance.

Practical Truth — We can expect deliverance through prayer when God is honored through the life.

Suggestion To Teachers

How God took care of and freed Peter from prison. How prayer helps, and the marvelous deliverance through the power of united prayer.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Herod Agrippi, nephew of Herod Antipas, and grandson of Herod the Great who sought to kill the infant Christ, was king over Palestine the last three years of his life (41-44 A. D.) He persecuted the Church at Jerusalem perhaps because the disciples accepted Christ as king. The first blow fell on James, brother of John and son of Zebedee, the first apostle to suffer martyrdom. The Jews were so pleased with this that Peter was next chosen to suffer a like death. But through sincere, united prayer God sent a miraculous deliverance and our lesson tells us how surprised the Church was when their prayers were answered. Peter's obedience was rewarded, his life prolonged, his field of labor widened, his ministry deepened and the work of God went on. The time came in Peter's life when his friends could do nothing but pray. Let us all get a lesson. Note the fellowship of prayer. The intercession of prayer was "unto God" specifically for Peter's deliverance and God had a way to deliver. Praise His dear name! He is just the same Deliverer today as in Peter's day. While the prison, in the sense of being put behind iron bars, is not what the Church has to fear. But evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse—days of deception! Precious souls, beware! Nestle close. Remember God can keep from the prison house of sin, and also deliver for for His glory.

SUNDAY, March 24, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

March 18—The Christian Life. 1 Peter 3: 8- 18.
 March 19—The Life of Faith. 1 John 5: 1- 5.
 March 20—The Life of Love. Mark 12: 28- 34
 March 21—The Life of Brotherly Kindness. Gal. 6: 1- 10.

March 22—The Life of Patience. James 5: 7- 11.
 March 23—The Life of Hope. 1 Peter 1: 3-9.
 March 24—Devotional Reading. 2 Peter 1: 1- 8.

SUBJECT—*Peter Describes the Christian Life.*

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—1 Peter 3: 8- 18.

3: 8. Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9. Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for rail-

ing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

13. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14. But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16. Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil-doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

18. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Memory Verse—But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you, a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3: 15.

Central Thought—A life of faith, love, brotherly kindness, hope and patience.

Practical Truth—The ability by God's grace to put the central thought into practice.

Suggestion To Teachers

Pleasing Jesus every day. Living the way Jesus lived. Living like a Christian. Practicing the Christian profession.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The first epistle of Peter was written to the churches of Asia Minor while suffering on account of their faith. Yet praise God, the privileges of Christians eclipse their trials and the path of duty is clear, although attended with suffering.

There are many phases in Christian character. 1. Be harmonious. Be united in affection and in purpose. 2. Be like-minded in loyalty to Christ and His cause. Have entire harmony in spiritual things. 3.

Be kind. Let it be of the heart, not the hand only. 4. Be considerate; others are in distress. Show compassion (Matt. 15: 32; 20: 34), others may be overtaken in a fault and stumble. Be tender-hearted toward them. 5. Be humble-minded. This means humility of heart—the opposite of pride and selfishness. No real Christian can manifest resentment or retaliation. Peter quotes from Psalm 34 in our lesson. The Word of God demands careful obedience. See verses 10 and 11 of the lesson.

There is also mercy and justice in God. First there is mercy, for the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. Second, justice, for the face of the Lord is against wrongdoers. Each Christian should remember the Bible teaches individual responsibility. Each must accept or reject (from choice) for himself or herself—free moral agents.

SUNDAY, March 31, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

March 25—Peter Urges Devotion. 1 Peter 5: 6- 11.
 March 26—Peter Urges Growth. 2 Peter 3: 12- 13.
 March 27—Peter Confesses Christ. Luke 9: 18- 26.
 March 28—Peter's Fall and Rise. Mark 14: 66- 72.
 March 29—Peter Preaches to Jews. Acts 2: 36- 42.
 March 30—Peter Preaches to Gentiles. Acts 15: 6- 11.
 March 31—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 55: 6- 13.

SUBJECT—Review Lesson From the Life and Letters of Peter.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—1 Peter 5: 6- 11; 2 Pet. 3: 14- 18.

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

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9. Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

3: 14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15. And account that the longsuffering of our

Lord is salvation; even as our beloved Brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16. As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17. 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 steadfastness.

18. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Memory Verse—Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3: 18.

Central Thought—Devotion to God and growth in grace.

Practical Truth — Devotion to God will cause growth in grace and in the knowledge of God.

Suggestion To Teachers

Learning from Peter when he was old. How he became a great leader and what Peter did to spread Christianity.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Peter tells us in the first part of our lesson to humble ourselves or serve by submission, as God is against the proud, but full of mercy and the God of all grace to the humble, and he cares for all who casts their care upon Him. He alone can bear every burden that you lay at His blessed feet. His care is infinite. We must serve by self-restraint. Be calm, be sober, be watchful because the malicious enemy is always going around seeking to overthrow. Remember to resist him stedfast in the faith. You may have to suffer, but God's grace is sufficient. Peter tells us how this world and all in it will be destroyed by fire. We should have hope, but while we have hope we should work, trust, worship, grow and do all possible to get perishing souls to see their need of getting ready for the "last great day." It is coming. The memory verse is a great exhortation to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Growth is needful. Where there is no growth, death soon takes place. Be diligent. May our trust be in Him in such a measure as to bring us to all the fullness in God, to whom be glory now and ever more. "He is the one Master who can bring up to fullness of maturity."