

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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All In All To Me

Who is my life but Christ alone?

I seek no joy beside;

His love and peace flow in my soul,

An everlasting tide.

What is my hope but Christ in me,

The hope of glory bright?

No one but Jesus set me free;

He only is my light.

Who is the Church but Christ alone?

No other fold I need.

I live in Him, the living Vine.

His Word my only creed.

Who but my Savior died for me?

He only did atone

For all my sins upon the tree;

He drank the cup alone.

Who purchased me when lost in sin?

O Christ, thy love I own!

O Lamb of God, my all is Thine,

I am no more my own!

— D. S. Warner.

An Exclusive People

In this time of spiritual declension, when the precious Word of God, has been turned into fables, and the people have deviated far from the real truth, the plain, unadulterated truth needs to be held up far above the many creeds and doctrines of men so that the precious may be separated from the vile. Many today say, "Oh, you make the way too straight, and the people can not come up to that," etc. But can we lower the standard of the Word and expect to obtain the freedom of the gospel? If such is done,

what will it better the power of the Word in this evening time? This has been done too long now, and still the people have not learned righteousness. "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let favor be shewed to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness." Isa. 26: 9, 10.

For this very reason, so many, yea, thousands, are groping on in sin, with no hope of heaven, and do not know of this wonderful deliverance through the blood of Christ. We serve an exclusive Christ, Therefore His people are an exclusive people. They are separate from the world, worldly religions, etc., and are made unto God a peculiar people.

Should the standard of the present truth of this era be lowered by recognizing all who say they are of God or that the religion of Jesus Christ is only a religion among religions or that His Church is only a church among churches (sects), then how gladly the world would receive us! Paul had the same spirit to contend with in the early Church as he stood against all other gods, recognizing only the true God. "For though there be that are called gods, . . . but to us there is but one God." 1 Cor. 8: 4-6. Had he just said, "I know you serve gods, but I believe my God is best," he would have had no persecution: but he perfectly ignored their gods as being nothing and taught that there was only one living and true God.

In Nehemiah is a beautiful type of the people of God, that is of their building up Zion (Church) in this evening time. Let us notice a few thoughts in connection. The walls of Jerusalem had been trodden down and the remnant was in affliction and reproach. As Nehemiah beheld it all, his heart was touched at seeing that mighty city in ruins, therefore he determined, after much fasting and praying, to rebuild the walls. God let His approval rest upon him, and as he moved forward no doubt many discouraging scenes came to his vision, and he had enemies from the beginning. Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem were his opponents, and they did all they could to make havoc

of the work; first, by trying to discourage him. They said, "What do these feeble Jews? . . . If a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Nehemiah let none of those things move him; he moved on in the name of the Lord. Then, when his enemies saw that he was decided to build, and knowing that God was going before him, they waxed valiant in fight; and the surrounding nations—the Arabians, the Ammonites, the Ashdodites, together with Sanballat and Tobiah, conspired to go against Nehemiah. But as they saw that this could not overthrow him, they said, "Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono." Ah, the spirit to compromise was behind it all, and they only designed to do him mischief, but Nehemiah replied, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease whilst I leave it, and come down to you."

This very same spirit is in the world today and is trying to bring all religions together to fight against the saints of the Most High God. It is only in fulfillment of the Word. Rev. 20: 8, 9. Since God's reformation of the evening time was appointed by the Holy Spirit, the devil has also built many counterfeits that teach holiness, healing, and perhaps many Bible truths, yet leave off many important truths. They do not teach the truth on such subjects as the one Church (body), fellowship of the Spirit of Christ, and separation from all that is against God's Word. Such is only a deception and works much disaster. A doctrine that is nearest like the truth, and yet is not the genuine truth, is the worst counterfeit.

The body of Christ is an exclusive body (church), and those mixed up with holiness associations, sects, bands of human origin, and who mingle with most anything, just so it has the name "holiness" attached, do not discern the beautiful body of Christ, nor its oneness, nor the unity of the Spirit, nor the doctrine, etc.

Yes, the worldly religions would like for the people of God to meet down in one of the 'plains of Ono' and all work in a union (discord), but this is not the way God makes His people one! If His people would lower the standard and receive all who say they are of God, how gladly would many flock with the saints of God, but His Church is not joined by simply adhering to a certain doctrine, but by being born of the Spirit. They are baptised by one Spirit into the one body.

May God's sheep hear His voice and flee the ruins off the tottering walls of Babylon and all the "plains of Ono," and receive with meekness the engrafted Word. Amen.

— C. H.

Modern Tongues

That this is an age of many counterfeit religions, we must admit, and of which the New Testament writers have given us definite warning. 1 Tim. 4: 1.

In this writing we do not mean to unkindly criticize any one, but the love for precious souls constrains us to expose this particular error in the light of Bible truth so that honest, truth seekers may make their escape from the realms of deception. Souls who are thus in bondage are to be pitied and persuaded by Divine love and wisdom—not crushed or driven. Strictly speaking, the devil is solely responsible for the error itself, so let us place the blame on the author and rescue the subjects from the error's influence. There is deliverance; praise God.

The latter part of the nineteenth century marked the beginning of the full restoration of Christ's Church to her apostolic glory and power, or when she emerged from the "cloudy and dark day" into the "evening light" — fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Jer. 32: 39; Zed. 14: 6, 7; Ezek. 34: 12). The truth was set forth, such a sanctification, holiness, divine healing, New Testament ordinances and the one Church separate from human organizations.

Hearing this apostolic truth, numbers began to make their escape from religious confusion and embraced the whole truth. Then the devil saw that his grip was being loosened in the religious world. Therefore, very quickly he devised and originated new theories to side-track precious souls in their search for truth, of which the Pentecostal or modern tongues, to be plain, is the most outstanding counterfeit movement. It is a late movement and in recent years has swept the country, especially the Middle West and Pacific Coast. There are reasons for its spread, which we will notice later.

Dear reader, let us turn to the Bible and see if the teachings and spirit, especially the tongues-evidence theory, harmonizes with the Word and Spirit of God.

Error 1. Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2: 4) is different than the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12: 14). There is no distinction in the two expressions, for both refer to the same thing. True speaking in tongues of Acts 2: 4 is a manifestation of the Spirit as implied by the words, "as the Spirit gave them utterance." The fact that the true tongues are given of the Spirit necessarily means they are a "gift" of the Spirit. In the 12th chapter of 1 Cor. both expressions are used interchangeably and speaking of the same spiritual gift. We read, "To one is given by the Spirit . . . divers kinds of tongues," (verses 8, 10) referring to the gift of tongues. Then in verse 30 we read, "Do all speak with tongues!" which also refers to the same gift, just as the gift of miracles and "workers of miracles" are equivalent expressions. We understand that this distinguishing theory was introduced in the year of 1900 by C. F. Parham. The early Church never taught it, for it is a strained interpretation to uphold the tongues-evidence theory.

Error 2. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is in every instance attended by the initial physical sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The Scrip

tures no where teach that speaking in tongues is required as evidence that the Holy Ghost is received. If you can, quote us one direct Scriptural requirement on this point. In 1 Cor. 12: 30 Paul asks, "Do all speak with tongues?" No, is the implied answer, for in the preceding verses he had explained that there were "differences of administration" in the manifestation of the Spirit, meaning that the Spirit does not manifest Himself through the same particular gift in every person, "but the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12: 7. You know that all are not apostles, all are not workers of miracles (verse 29), neither do all speak with true tongues. Speaking in tongues, which could only be "as the Spirit gives utterance," is only a manifestation or gift of the Spirit in common with other special gifts. According to this error, the Holy Spirit is denied unless He chooses to manifest Himself in a certain manner. The Holy Ghost himself is the satisfactory evidence. "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness" (Heb. 10: 15). "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit." Rom. 8: 16. If the reception of the Spirit must be evidenced by an outward physical sign, surely one's conversion should be determined by a special physical sign in all cases. Since such is not true, then there is no necessity of that particular witness for the baptism, or for any other special work or favor from God.

On the day of Pentecost the first disciples were given the gift of prophecy, as well as the gift of tongues, when they received the Holy Ghost. Also, the twelve disciples at Ephesus prophesied when they received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues (Acts 19). Therefore, the special gift of prophecy should be given preference if either of the gifts were to be accepted as the evidence of the reception of the Holy Ghost, for "greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues," (1 Cor. 14: 5) and Paul further exhorts, "Desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." (Verse 1)

Error 3. "We receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost just like they did on the day of Pentecost" (Acts 2). Do the modern tongues people manifest the same signs as then? Let us notice more closely the Pentecost scene. The first outward sign was the coming of "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting;" the second outward sign was, "There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them;" the third outward sign, "began to speak with other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance." The modern movement does not reproduce these signs as claimed in the above error. They discard the first two, and emphasize the last. However, the first sign is just as important as the last in this particular scene, being only a literal fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy at the ushering in of the Holy Spirit dispensation. The last manifestation or tongues which people generally receive today are not languages as spoken on the day of Pentecost, but only a false gibber through Satanic power or nervous derangement. Therefore, in no sense do they reproduce the Pentecostal outpouring. No hint is made at this Pentecostal scene that the disciples spoke in unknown tongues, nor to God alone, neither did they need an interpreter, but these languages were spoken direct to the people of different nations and

were given specifically for the purpose of spreading the gospel to various nations through prophecy or preaching, a special gift which they also received at this time. The Bible gift of tongues is a language, and is given as an aid to prophecy.

Evidently the disciples on this occasion did not talk in different languages a few minutes only, for the incident was noised abroad and the multitude representing different nationalities came together, and each "heard them speak in his own language," (Acts 2: 6) which no doubt continued the greater part of the day, each disciple talking in order, Peter's sermon being recorded in this chapter. If speaking these various languages was the only evidence that they had the Holy Ghost, then when they ceased to speak the apostles could have rightly concluded that they had lost the Holy Ghost. How inconsistent! Our Pentecostal friends would endeavor to satisfy us with a momentary evidence, but thank God, the infilling of the Spirit is not dependent upon transitory evidences, for the Holy Spirit in the heart is the abiding evidence Himself.

Error 4. That speaking in tongues is the only proper evidence is established by the Scriptural examples recorded in Acts. There are only three instances in the New Testament where people spoke with tongues when they received the Holy Ghost (Acts 2: 4; 10: 44- 46; 19: 6). These occasions include only a small number compared to the thousands who received the Holy Ghost in the early church, and of whom no mention is made of tongues, which points to the fact that the manifestation of tongues was not common in all cases. Furthermore, these instances being only historical accounts as they occurred cannot serve alone to establish with certainty any such doctrine. Even from a historical standpoint, we note that no mention is made of speaking in tongues when the apostle Paul received the Holy Ghost (Acts 9: 17, 18), neither with reference to the Samaritans in Acts 8: 14-17. "Only unspiritual, earthly minded people could need a physical or outward evidence of a spiritual work, and such never receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Error 5. That one should "tarry" for the baptism of the Spirit, evidenced by the speaking in tongues. Jesus commanded the disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high (Lk 24: 49). We know that this refers to Pentecost (Acts 1: 8). To fulfill Old Testament type the Spirit would not be given until "the day of Pentecost was fully come," (Acts 2: 1) and which was the date commemorating the giving of the Law at Sinai. The Spirit dispensation began on the anniversary date of the institution of the Mosaic law dispensation. This "tarrying" applied only to the disciples before Pentecost, meaning for them to await that special time. On that day we find them in "one accord in one place," and they were "sitting"—denoting no physical exertion. Tarrying is not needed so much now as meeting the conditions for the reception of the Spirit. Divine operations are spiritual and are wrought in the heart by faith. Eph. 2: 8. Faith is receiving where there is no sight or physical evidence, for faith is "the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11: 1. "He that believeth . . . hath the witness in himself." 1 John 5: 10. By faith the Holy Spirit is received. Gal. 3:

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.

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

In the April issue we mentioned a book on Divine healing which is to be printed when enough material and means are collected together. Some money has been sent in for the printing of this book, and others have sent in testimonies of healing with funds to do the printing. The collection of manuscript as yet is far short of making a book. Those who have a testimony of healing should send it in as soon as you can. If you have a good testimony of healing, send it in whether you have any means to help or not, and those who want to see a book of this nature in circulation and desire some of the books for your own use, should send in means to help get the book printed. This is the Lords' work and all saved folk ought to feel free to help along in any manner and way that God would direct. Remember we send you a receipt for all the money you send in for this purpose, and should the book not receive enough support to get it printed your money will be returned to you. Quite a number of the saints are in earnest prayer that God will touch hearts and move on souls to sponsor the printing of this new Divine healing book, as it would be to His glory to show what the Lord hath done.

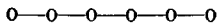
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The effects of the terrific hail storm that swept this country on the 23rd of March has been mostly repaired. We truly appreciate the dear saints that have sent in offerings to replace the damage done to the office building. Nearly all the window panes have been replaced and most all the roof is fixed. It has been raining this evening and there are only a few places where the roof leaks and we expect to repair these soon. We know that God will reward all those who are helping in this printing work. Remember He has all these things on His book. May God greatly bless the dear ones that share in bearing the burden of getting the gospel to perishing souls by the printed page. One Brother wrote that for every dollar he sent to the work God would in some way return to him five dollars. Whether God would return it or not, we know that it would be laid up in heaven's treasures there.

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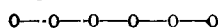
In last issue we wrote in regard to our intended evangelistic trip East this summer, and we wish to say that we still have an urge in our souls to make this tour of the eastern states. Quite a number have written us since the paper went out concerning our coming to their homes or cities and visiting or having meetings. If any others desire us to visit you or have

meetings, just let us know so we can get our route mapped out so as to make it convenient to reach as many souls as possible without extra long driving. We are very desirous to make this trip count for God in the salvation of souls and for the edification of the dear saints. Be in prayer for us that God will direct in all arrangements that should be made. It seems that the first of June is the time for us to start on this ministering tour.



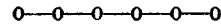
The gracious goodness of God has been manifested to us and through us in many blessed ways of late. We have been called upon to conduct two funerals in which an opportunity was afforded to give out some good, solid truth to many that never go where they can hear the real gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. The Lord has also directed meetings in several other places and a few souls sought the Lord for pardon. Our hearts rejoice when we see souls repenting. A deep, settled peace is filling our souls and the love for God and for lost souls burns within us. We have a yearning in our heart to throw a life-line of hope to perishing ones, of which there are so many in the world. By His grace and help we shall give out as He gives in.

When Jesus hung on the cross and gave up the ghost, He said, "It is finished." The book that was closed and sealed with seven seals was opened—it was the book of Life. The mystery which had been hid for ages was solved and the book of Life was opened to all men. It is standing open today and all who will humble their hearts in repentance and believe on the sacrifice made can register their names in the Lamb's book of Life and have eternal life. Glory be to God. His great love for man is past our comprehension. The thought of His great mercy fills our hearts with glowing love divine. Thank God, we are His "purchased possession." He purchased us by His precious Blood and now He possesses us. Glory, glory, glory, the whole earth is filled with His glory; every plant, every tree, every animal and all fishes speak of His glory. Let us bow in reverence and give heart thanks to the great Giver of all good things. My cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Readers, let us exalt His name together as He is more than worthy.



Quite a number of saints have been sending in subscriptions for the Faith and Victory paper lately. The Lord is burdening them for souls that are lost, and for Christian friends who need the contents of

the paper each month to edify and keep them built up spiritually. We are praying that more of our brothers and sisters in Christ will catch the burden and be moved by the Lord to send in subscriptions for the paper. Your neighbors and friends need to read this truth and God is depending on you to circulate it around to them. Let each of us be diligent not to omit to do those things that may mean the salvation of a soul.



A letter from W. J. Hawley tells us that he is engaged in a meeting at Jigger, La. His leadings is northeast, and he may be in New York state when you read these lines. Bro. Hawley is very zealous in proclaiming the truth of the gospel and is making arrangements to have some tracts printed to push the work along.

We print tracts for those who have articles written. If you are interested, send for our price list of printing gospel tracts. It will give you the cost per thousand for printing 2, 4, 6, 8 and 16-page tracts, also in lots of one, three, six and ten thousand. We also print pamphlets, papers and books which set forth the clear truth.

Camp Meeting Notice

A camp meeting is to be held at Akron, Ohio from July 19 to 28. We are praying for the Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers, free from compromise and fanaticism. Particulars later. —Cordelia Jones.

The annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Oklahoma will be held July 5 to 15. Particulars later. — O. B. Wilson.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Fishbaugh was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, July 15, 1849. Departed this life April 9, 1935 at Anthony, Kansas at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 6 days.

She was married to Joseph Prouse, Sept. 30, 1873 at Tippin, Ohio. To this union were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter, all living except Alvin S. Prouse. She leaves 23 grand children and 16 great grand children. In 1884, she with her husband and four children moved to Kansas, settling on a farm four miles north of Anthony, Kansas. Her husband preceded her five years in death.

She was converted sixty years ago and was asso-

ciated with the Church of God until her death, living a conscientious Christian life all these years.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt on April 11, and the remains were laid to rest in the Elm Cemetery at Anthony, Kansas. A large company of relatives and friends attended the services. Text: Psa. 103: 2. Our departed sister and her husband have been pillars in the Church of God at Anthony, Kansas for years. "Their works do follow them."

—Editor.

Maynard LeRoy Wilson, small son of Nona and Bonnie Wilson of Chehalis, Washington, passed away at his home on March 15, 1935 at the age of three years, seven months and seventeen days.

Little Maynard leaves to mourn their loss, his father, mother, one sister and two brothers, also his grand parents and many relatives and friends.

His mother has been faithfully serving the Lord for about two years. Nona, his father, found the Savior during the child's short sickness, which was only four days. They both now have the power of Jesus to sustain and help them in their bereavement. And can look beyond the little grave to the reward that awaits their little boy, and not for him only, but for all who are ready to meet God when He calls them from this earth.

In Memory of Little Maynard

Little Maynard has answered the call of our Savior,
Come home little angel to the land of the free.
While here upon earth Jesus gathered them to Him.
Saying suffer little children to come unto me.

Oh how we do miss our bright smiling darling,
Our silent tears fall as the drops of the rain.
Yet while our heart aches in the deepest of sorrow,
We know it's His blessing, yea, eternal gain.

He is safe in the arms of our blessed Redeemer,
No more pain or sorrow in body or soul;
He'll dwell with the angels in heaven's fair city,
While ages on ages eternally roll.

He cannot return to brighten our fireside.
In this world of trouble, of sorrow and sin,
But through the power of Jesus our Savior.
We each may go spend all eternity with him.

He is now all secure in His mansion in glory,
At home with the pure, the holy and the just,
And we will press onward whatever may befall us.
We know he will not have to wait long for us.

— Sam Wilson

Pearl Mary McCollum was born January 9, 1890 at Edmond, Oklahoma. She passed out of the body on March 31, at 7:30 p. m. 1935 at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Age, 45 years, two months and 21 days.

She was married to Jack Bondurant at Buena Vista, Colo. Surviving relatives are Jack Bondurant, husband; daughter, Wanda Brooks; son, Elwin Bondurant; two grandchildren, all of Camp Verde, Ariz. mother, Martha Winch of Guthrie, Okla.; brothers Jack Quick, Raymond and Ivin Winch of Guthrie Okla., Arthur Webster of Ambia, Ind., several cousins and one aunt, Emma Milton of Glenwood Springs Colo. and numerous old friends. She was a former resident of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt at Davis Undertaking Parlor on April the 4th. Text "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psa. 90: 12. The remains were laid to rest in the Summit View cemetery near Guthrie, Oklahoma.

NOTICE TO THE SAINTS

Dear saints throughout the entire South: The trustees of the camp-ground and church property here at Hammond, La. feel led to make an appeal to you through the paper for financial help. Our indebtedness on the property is \$450.00, and needed repair on buildings will cost about \$200.00. We want the saints everywhere and especially those of the South to feel the need and get the burden of the upkeep of this camp-ground on your hearts. The sole idea in the minds of the pioneers of the work here was for a central location to all points in the South. Therefore this place here at Hammond, La. was chosen for that purpose as stated and called "The General Southern Camp Ground," located on I. C. R. R.; 864 miles south of Chicago, 53 miles north of New Orleans, La. also on highway No. 51 and on No. 190. just 45 miles east of Baton Rouge, La. The camp-ground consists of seven acres of land, plenty of good shade trees, a flowing well, a good meeting house, size 30 by 4 feet; a large suspension roof tabernacle, 70 by 9 feet (which is badly in need of repairs); a good comfortable dining hall, and a small but comfortable house for the pastor. In this house Bro. C. E. O. spent the last few years of his life here on earth. Sister Katherine Watson is now pastoring the work here. We are holding to and preaching the old-time truth as was taught 28 years ago when our camp meeting was first held. Bros. Pruitt, Strech, O. I.

Wilson, G. E. and A. E. Harmon have attended the camp-meeting in late years.

We fully realize the financial condition everywhere, but God is still on His throne and will hear and answer prayer. We feel certain that with the full co-operation of all concerned this debt will be lifted. The trustees and all the saints here thank you for any help you feel led to give. We pray that God will bless His work here and elsewhere to the saving of many precious souls. Any one sending donations for the work here, can forward same to—R. J. Forbes, Secy. & Tres., Box 543, Hammond, La. or to Sister Katherine Watson, Box 370.

The General Southern Camp Meeting at Hammond, La. will be held June 21st to 30th inclusive, 1935 Particulars later.

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Jefferson, Ore. —Dearly beloved: I promised in my last letter to tell you how God heard and answered my prayer when I asked Him to restore my wife to me again. A few weeks after I had prayed, about the first days of August there was a camp-meeting held at Grassy, Mo. I was there with a tent, camped on the ground with my children. Bro. J. D. Ferrill, a minister from Arkansas, was there and one day he came to my tent, and said, "Bro. White, you need a mother for your children." I said, "Yes, Bro. Ferrill, I do, but finding one that will take the place of the one I lost is the question with me. I could marry alright, but if I should do such a thing I want to be sure that God is pleased and it be in His Divine order." (I wish to drop a word of warning to those that may chance to read this and contemplate marriage. Seek God much and seriously consider the matter before taking the step. I know marriage is honorable in all, but a mistake in marriage I do believe is one of the saddest mistakes of life.) I said, "Bro. Ferrill, you see what I need and you are a traveling minister and see many different women. Now do you know of one that would fill the place?" He said, "Yes, I know of one. If you can get her, I believe she will make a good wife and mother. Her name is Lydia Weir. She is with us in gospel work." I sat down and wrote her a letter and told her that I was a minister of the gospel and had lost my wife, leaving me with five children, that I needed a wife and mother, and that Bro. Ferrill had recommended her as one that could fill that place, and now what about her being a companion to me and a mother to my children. In a short time I received a letter from her, saying she had received my letter, read it and prayed over it, and felt we should agree and do much praying over the matter and let the Lord lead. In

a few days I sat down to answer her letter, but beloved, my first wife came so heavily upon my heart that I broke down and began weeping, and said to myself, I cannot write this letter now; I must get the first companion committed to God before I can take another in my heart. I laid the letter away, waited a few days and prayed more earnestly. The Lord showed me it was the living I must look to for comfort and protection. Then I answered the letter. I believe we should trust God for every thing, for when He does any thing for us, it is always done right, and we get the good and He gets the glory. Bless His holy name. (To be continued). H. W. White

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Lansdale, Pa. —Dear Sister Pruitt and family: In the sweet love of God we greet you this'morning, and trust His love is filling your hearts, giving you joy and courage as you press on for God in this holy way.

As I was reading the beautiful account of Ruth and Naomi yesterday, my heart was especially impressed with her wise choice. She did not know whether good or ill would come, yet she was determined not to go back to idol worship, but made God her choice. As we read on, she was richly blessed for it. So is each one that makes God their choice. Not always in the same way, but the Lord can enrich each life that is yielded to Him in a different way and get glory to His worthy name. The Lord does bless and encourage my soul with His precious Word.

Your Sister in Christ, — Julia Cramer.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Lamont, Nebr. —Dear saints scattered abroad: I feel it my duty to our Savior to send in my testimony how I was healed. Last August I had an abscess and I went to a doctor who opened it and it healed up. In two months it came back. I went to the hospital against my wishes. I was operated on and came home better. In a month it came back. I just asked God to reveal to me what caused it and He did. It was caused by an unknown sin. Praise God, when I confessed and forsaked it, God wonderfully healed me. And I have never been bothered since. Praise God for healing power. I want to live to please God and work for Him. I pray this will help some other soul to trust in Jesus. Yours, willing to do God's will,
— Mrs. Ella Tucker.

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Olympia, Wash. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: This morning I want to take time and write you a few lines. We love the Lord and want to praise Him for what He has done for us. We love to read *Faith and Victory*, and would like to send you a new subscriber. Enclosed find subscription price for this subscriber, and renew my subscription, and also an offering for tract printing. The Lord bless you in your work.

Yours in Him. —Gertrude Koehler.

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Union, Oregon. —To all the saints, greeting: We are glad to report victory in our souls from our new home over on the Pacific slope. The Lord has blessed and helped us in so many ways in moving and locating that we can only give Him our heart-felt thanks. Our only desire is to live to please Him. There are no saints here. We ask the earnest prayers of all the saints that we may live salvation before these people.

We want your little paper to follow us. We like the climate here, although it has snowed nearly every day since we arrived. There are no dust storms here. We are located in Union, Oregon, a town of 1200 population, which is in Grande Ronde valley in eastern Oregon. We would like to hear from any of the saints that feel like writing. Your saved Bro. and Sister, Union, Oregon, —E. and O. K. Myers.

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Purdy, Mo. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me still saved and satisfied to go all the way with Jesus who has done so much for me. While the devil tries in many ways to get me to turn back, yet I still mean to press the battle on until the

crown is won. God's Word says His grace is sufficient to keep us, if we will only pray much and obey His Word and not get our minds upon earthly things

Mother takes the *Faith and Victory*. I enjoy very much to read the testimonies of the dear saints. It gives me new courage to press on. Dear ones, let us not turn back but go every step of the way with our Master, one who can go with us through death. I want to let my light shine out and be more like Christ. Nothing is more sweeter than to know when you lay your head upon the pillow at night that if you should die before dawn that you are prepared to meet your God. Whether a person is ready any other time in life or not, that is one time when we should all be prepared. because if we miss heaven we miss it all. We read in the Word such good promises that He gives to us. He says He will be with us even unto the end of the world. What better friend could we ask for?

I ask your prayers that I keep saved and prepared to meet God at any time.

Your Brother in Christ, —Lowell Bowers

Fulton, Mich. —Dear ones in Christ: Am still trusting in my blessed Jesus, knowing the dear Lord will take us through if we hold faithfully to Him. That is what we are doing, as we know it is but a short time now. We see we are nearing the end of time. The Lord be praised for everything He has done for us. You will find enclosed one dollar to us as the Lord wills. — Mrs. Eulalia Sherman

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Garner, Iowa. —Dear Christian friends, greeting in Jesus' dear name: Today finds me happy in the Lord and determined in His to walk as is pleasing unto Him. I am a young Christian. I was saved five years ago. I was a very proud girl. When God entered our heart, pride and all of self must disappear. Now all I am I owe to Him.

In our locality there are very few Christians and I seldom get to meet with the saints, but am thankful for the times I can meet with them. It is my desire to be of help to my Savior who did so much for me. He has healed my body several times. So many folks think the time of healing is past, but the Bible teaches us that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. I have a cold that has stayed with me for some time, and I ask you to agree in prayer with me that God will heal me of it. Use the enclosed coin as the Lord directs.

Your Christian friend, —Mrs. Harvey Sorenson

« Young People's Section »

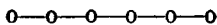
Sowing And Reaping

Sow with a generous hand;
 Pause not for toil or pain;
 Weary not through the heat of summer,
 Weary not through the cold spring rain;
 But wait till the autumn comes
 For the sheaves of golden grain.

Sow, and look onward, upward,
 Where the starry light appears;
 Where, in spite of the coward's doubting,
 Or your own heart's trembling fears
 You shall reap in joy the harvest
 You have sown today in bitter tears.
 — A. Procter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the 3rd chapter of 2 Timothy the Apostle Paul reminds us that in the last days perilous times shall come. Of a truth that time is upon us. Many are aware of this fact, yet how many are awakened to their true condition as the Apostle further describes the enemies of the truth in that chapter? "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, . . . disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, . . . despisers of those that are good, . . . lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: *from such turn away.*" The fact is that we are living in the last of the 'last days,' inasmuch that modern spiritual Babylon (sect confusion) has not only denied the power of God, but has also forsaken even the "form of godliness" to a great extent. The final warning to the saints is: "From such turn away," do not allow those conditions to exist in our heart. We will do well to keep ourselves unspotted from the world in this peril of the "perilous times."



This age of much distress, both politically and spiritually, makes us realize more keenly that the coming of the Lord is very near at hand. Rutherfordism would attempt to make us believe that the world has already come to an end in 1914, that then Christ came to set up an earthly kingdom. Dear reader, have you seen Him in the 20 years which has

elapsed since the date of His supposed coming according to their wrong theory? No, indeed not. The scriptures plainly teach that His coming will not be in secret. Luke 24: 27 says that as the lightning flashes from the east to the west so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Rev. 1: 7 says that He cometh with clouds and *every eye shall see Him*. Beloved, try the spirits by the Word of God, because there are many false ones.

A few days ago one of Rutherford's disciples stopped at our door to display her line of booklets she was selling. We kindly but plainly quoted her the truth in the face of errors. She even quoted a scripture to teach that all men will be saved, and expected us to believe her interpretation. It is a settled fact that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2: 14 These latter day false prophets who have never been born of the Spirit endeavor to interpret Old Testament prophecies and Revelations, and thereby wrest the scriptures to their own destruction and those who hear them. We advise people everywhere to ignore this false literature and agents. It is a doctrine of the devil to deceive and blind your soul to genuine truth.
 — L. D. P.

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Dear young people: Let us thank the Lord that we are in His glad service, which is a holy calling according to 2 Tim. 1: 9 and there is nothing of which to be ashamed. Rom. 1: 16. The Lord has taught me long ago to go forward in a calm, steady business-like way, trusting Him to enable me to do that work He has for me to do. Why speak for Jesus in a hesitating, embarrassed way? In Acts 4: 20 we read that Peter and John told the people they could not but speak the things that they had seen and heard, and has not our salvation been a vivid reality to us? We have been brought from darkness to light. If we go into a dark room on a moonlight night and look out, all seems rather bright, but turn on the electric light and all looks black outside due to the greater light within, and so our old life of sin is to us a place more dark and terrible than ever because of Jesus the Light within.

Dear souls who are not in the care of the Great Shepherd know nothing of the reality of being led

into green pastures and beside still waters, but how we abide in such places! May the Lord help us to tell it so that some will hear and believe. Yes. He brought us up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set our feet upon a solid Rock and established our goings and put a new song in our mouth even praises unto our God, and what shall be the result if we live it and tell it? Latter part of verse 3, Psa. 40; "Many shall see it and fear and shall trust in the Lord."

Another great truth is that we are on a journey through life and while we who are saved are having our needs supplied, how about the dear sin-sick souls? As I was traveling one hot summer day and changed busses at a terminal, I noticed a sick man who was also on a journey. My heart just ached for him. He was so pale and weak, great drops of perspiration were on his brow and a pleading look in his eyes. He was leaning, trembling on a cane, trying to swallow water that was being offered him. I had to hurry on but could not forget him. I had to think of what he did need—a cool, quiet room and comfortable bed and some gentle hands to minister just what fevered brows and poor trembling bodies need and some one to call on the One who has great compassion for the sick and suffering. I was weary because of the journey, but how thankful I was for health—my needs were supplied and the saved folks on this journey through life have their needs supplied also, while dear sin sick ones are suffering. While some are determined to revel on in sin, others are desirous of knowing the secret of making this journey successful, and dear unsaved souls, you can establish a relationship with the Ruler of this universe so that you can draw from Him all that you do need for each day, thus making a journey that will land you where peace and happiness is insured for all eternity.

(I should be glad to hear from any dear troubled soul. Jesus is able to help you. Address:
—Rosella Slifer, In care of Ruth's Haven, Bally, Pa.

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Ringwood, Okla. —To all the young saints scattered abroad: I just feel it is the Lord's will to write a few lines of encouragement to the young saints. This leaves me saved from all kinds of sin, saved from the powers of hell, redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. We often make mistakes and get discouraged at times, and the reason we do so, is because we hear the wrong spirit's voice. I know in my own experience that I would make mistakes, then I would call upon the Lord and He would enable me to overcome those mistakes. But in the last few days

the Lord showed me why I had made these mistakes. It was simply because I became slack, careless and indifferent. Then it was easier to hear the devil's voice and couldn't hear God's so plainly. By the help and grace of God I'll be more careful in the future, more prayerful.

Be careful, dear young people, don't let the devil make you think that he is God when speaking to you. Be watchful, and don't listen to the devil.

If there are any who are discouraged in the least, just put your whole mind on the Lord and consider that Christ at one time was young as you are and that He went through the same trials that you are going through. If Christ had given up, as we sometimes do, there wouldn't have been any hope for us getting saved. But He has trod this way before us, and by His grace it should be easy to walk therein. Grasp courage, dear young people, press this battle on. Some day, if we live true to the Lord, we will be taken out of trouble in this world. Then we will receive our reward in heaven above. But if we give up! how sad our end where the fire is never quenched!

I feel that we won't have much longer to stay here. So it will pay for us to be ready at all times. By the grace of God all of us who are now saved can keep saved unto the end. Others still have the privilege to get saved by heeding God's call.

Your Bro. in Christ, — Ruben Hiebert.

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Briar Creek, Mo. —Dear Brother and Sister in Christ Jesus: Greeting you this morning in the precious name of Jesus. I feel led to write my testimony. I am saved and determined to go through with the Lord. I don't get to hear His Word preached, as there aren't any preachers here except sect preachers. I pray the Lord to send some Spirit-filled man or woman to this place to preach His Word. I have been a reader of *Faith and Victory* a long time and like it fine. It is food to the soul. I want all the saints to pray for wife and myself that the Lord will keep us saved, and heal my wife who is afflicted.

Find enclosed one dollar to be used to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls in the way you see best. Yours in the one body, — J. R. Atnip.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Will Barton received a Divine touch of healing after prayer was offered for him, and he gained twenty pounds. However, at this writing he is not so well. We ask all the saints to fast and pray May the 5th for God to undertake for him. Send him an anointed handkerchief if you are led to do so. His new address is 1012 N. St. Louis St., Tulsa, Okla.

How Readeth Thou?

Certain passages of Scripture in the Bible are greatly puzzling some people. Much confusion and real harm is being done to Christianity by imperfect interpretations, together with making scriptures mean too much or too little.

A Sister has written us asking us to give some instruction through *Faith and Victory* on the scripture found in the 14th chapter of 1 Cor. 34 and 35th verses. "Let your women keep silent in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak: but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."

It is not heavenly wisdom to single out scriptures and lay down absolute rules or form settled opinions without first seeking to know the cause of the writer making the statement, and also comparing them with other scriptures to see that they do not conflict with other clear statements. There are many who take these scriptures and use them in a principle way by teaching that women have no right to teach, prophesy or preach, excluding them entirely from public service, and in so doing they cause this scripture to flatly contradict Paul's teaching in the 11th chapter of 1 Cor. verse 5 where Paul is instructing a woman how she should appear when praying or prophesying. Also it would be contrary to the prophecy of Joel. Read what Peter has to say about it in the 2nd chapter of Acts. He says, "Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. And on my servants and on my handmaidens will I pour out in those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy." The scriptures also say that Phillip had four daughters (virgins) that prophesied. The greatest and most precious message that has ever been brought to man was given by Christ to a woman—His resurrection.

In 1 Cor. 15: 3 we find Paul giving us the definition of prophecy. "But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation and comfort."

To get the true meaning of verses 34 and 35 of the 14th chapter, we need to read the teaching and instruction leading up to them. This particular congregation was in great confusion and women getting out of the order of God, no doubt influenced by wild fire. They were evidently asking questions, dictating and trying to rule over the male members of this congregation, and Paul was reproofing and rebuking

to silence them. The same reproofs and rebukes would be good today where any church is in such a confused state and women were getting out of their created place, dictating and ruling over men. The general trend and truth of the scriptures throughout the Bible is against women dictating, ruling and governing in the church, but the scriptures do teach that women have and can publicly pray, teach, prophesy and exhort. Women are very useful in the church if they keep their place and not try to rule over man whom God places as head, and woman as helpmeet.

Paul says in conclusion of this verse, "As also saith the law." Turn and read Genesis 3: 14, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband' and he shall rule over thee." From this reference it is evident that it was the disorderly and disobedient that the Apostle had reference to. Paul was strongly declaring to them that they were not obedient, therefore were not under the influence of the proper spirit. Paul exclaims in the 36th verse. "What? Came the Word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only?" Of the twelve apostles chosen to be leaders and rulers in the Church not one was a woman. This alone should be sufficient for a spiritually well-balanced woman to know that God was not approving of women ruling and dictating. No, the Word of God has not come out from women, so let them keep silent and not try to usurp authority over the men prophets.

It is sad to see the corrupted state of men and women of this world, and the world is growing more base, vulgar and corrupt as time continues. God created man and gave him power and authority as head of the woman and he has greatly abused this right and many men have treated women as mere brutes or worse when God exhorts them to cherish them as their own flesh, and God's wrath has been greatly kindled against man in a general sense until he has allowed women to exert much power, influence and freedom from the rule and authority of men, and now women in her turn is showing her weakness and deceitful corrupted hearts until the wrath of God is doubly kindled against the whole nation.

Forty years ago women were more in her place than now, but being deceived and in transgression and through the germ of pride developing, she cried, "woman suffrage," and kept at it until weakened, corrupted men gave way and gave her equal rights with men to vote, hold dictating offices, and so she plunged into politics with all of its corruption and bribery, and soon her corrupted heart began to manifest itself that she was no longer under the power of man by bobbing her hair. Along with it came the

smoking of cigarettes. Many of them are practicing race suicide and nursing a poodle dog. Thirty years ago women who bobbed their hair were looked upon as harlots, adultresses, and usually it was true. If for any good reason a woman would have to have her hair bobbed, she was very much ashamed and shy about being seen in public, but now they have so far strayed and seared their consciences that they bob their hair and brazenly show their backs, bare arms and limbs. Modesty has been killed by corrupting influences. If it were not for the great mercy and long-suffering of God He would set fire to this old world immediately. There are a few honest sincere souls to be gleaned out of the rubbish.

In the 11th chapter of 1 Cor. Paul gives instruction to men and women, and says that women should have their heads covered when praying or prophesying, and also says that her hair was given to her for a covering and it was a shame for man to wear long hair. In years gone by women always wore a covering, which showed that she was under the power or was obedient to her husband. For women to bob their hair, which God has given them for a covering, shows a heart of rebellion in the eyes of God. Many women today will put on men's clothing, which the Bible says is an "abomination unto the Lord thy God."

In 1 Tim. 2: 11, 12 and 13th verses, Paul is again instructing the women to learn in silence and to be in subjection, not to teach and usurp authority over the man but to function in her place, impressing them with the fact that Adam was first formed and then Eve. She was created for an help-meet and not to dictate and rule over men. Adam was not deceived, but the woman, which proves her natural inability to dictate and rule over man, as God never created her for that purpose. — Fred Pruitt.

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(Tongues—Continued from page '3)

14. Therefore, faith is omitted when one looks to the physical evidence as the goal, and one is not satisfied until they receive the "tongues." Under such conditions of tarrying, physical exertion and omission of faith wonderful opportunities are afforded the devil to give counterfeit tongues or spirits, 1 John 4: 1. It is easy for the devil to counterfeit physical manifestations of the Spirit, and this alone makes the theory unreliable. Then too, no allowance is made for counterfeit manifestations, many of which the Word of God directly condemns. People who are demon-possessed often speak in tongues. To my knowledge a number of persons have escaped from the tongues movement, and in order to get Bible salvation they had to have the devils cast out by the power of God. In fact, in every case when they had sought and received the delusion of tongues, the power of the devil had to be

broken before they could get salvation. This is a warning to beware of this supernatural power of the devil.

We rightly expect those who have the Holy Ghost to bear the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal. 5: 22, 23). On the contrary, we find these fruits lacking in those who claim to have "the" evidence. It is a hotbed for free-loveism, many divorces and re-marriages and indecent actions, yet at the same time they claim to have "the" evidence that they possess the Holy Ghost. We are commanded to try the spirits, for there are many false ones in the world. 1 John 4: 1. How can we try the spirits? By the Word of God, for it alone will judge us in the last day. John 12: 48. The spirits must agree with the Word and not the Word with the spirits.

The tongues movement, through this supernatural delusive power, has ensnared a multitude of people. Lying wonders are performed by them. It is also a refuge for those who "receive not a love for the truth."

Dear reader, you who believe these theories, be honest and seek deliverance from the enemy of your soul.

— L. D. Pruitt.

(Who will help to put the foregoing article in tract form it will make an 8-page tract; a line of truth much needed.

A DREAM

Dear faithful saints, greetings in the name of Jesus: I feel the Lord would be pleased for me to tell a dream I had almost two years. At that time I was going through a severe trial, and for my encouragement I believe the Lord gave me this dream. Lately I have been burdened to tell it.

I dreamed I was crossing a vast plain looking like a desert. As I was walking along I glanced back in a westward direction. There was nothing to be seen but a lake of pitch as black as night with a hot vapor going up. Being almost overcome with grief and sadness, I started to walk on. I put my hands over my eyes and bowed almost to the ground and began to cry and pray. I talked to the Lord and said, "Oh Lord, I know if people get in a place like that they never can get out. I said, Lord, I don't want to be so near this awful place. In my dream how my heart was bleeding and how I was begging for help to be delivered from this terrible hot lake of pitch. As I was walking along one foot stepped in the edge of the hot pitch; the other was on the dust. While I was trying to stand on one foot, how my heart was going up to God in prayer and in tears, begging the Lord for help. Just then an angel of the Lord came down over me and held to me and pointed to the smoldering plain and said, "Souls who trust in life insurance instead of me will go down never to return." The angel said, "Look to the mountain. As I turned to look to the

mountain the angel carried me away. As my foot left the earth, how I did praise the Lord and begun to sing: "A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, He taketh my burden away." No. 380 in *Select Hymns*. The angel took me to the top of the mountain, stood by my side and showed me the beauties of the mountain. It seemed like the elements were as transparent glass, the sun rays were of a glittering brightness. I could see beautiful white flowers all around where I stood. I looked back in the direction of the lake of pitch but could only see the vapor below. How contented and happy I was with the angel by my side that had delivered me from that desolate plain of pitch. Just as I awoke the angel disappeared. No tongue can ever tell the joy and happiness of this deliverance and the beauties of the mountain.

I love to think of this dream. Surely the Lord gave it to me. Your sister, — Annie McKinney.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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

Sunday, May 5, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

April 29—The Beginning of Sin. Gen. 3: 1- 8.

April 30—The Folly of Sin. Luke 15: 11- 24.

May 1—The Universality of Sin. Rom. 3: 9- 20.

May 2—The Depravity of Sin. Isaiah 1: 10- 17.

May 3—The Repentance of Sin. Acts 2: 37- 42.

May 4—The Forgiveness of Sin. Mark 2: 1- 12.

May 5—Devotional Reading. Psa. 51: 1- 10.

SUBJECT—Sin, Repentance and Faith.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Luke 15: 11- 24.

Luke 15: 11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave

unto him.

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: ,

24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Memory Verse—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Central Thought—How to get rid of sin.

Practical Truth—No lasting happiness without sin being removed from the life.

Suggestion To Teachers

When a boy was sorry. Story of the prodigal son. The forgiveness of sin. When we do wrong.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Selfishness is at the bottom of sin. The son was tired of home restraint. The parental authority, being weak, yielded to the wish of the beloved son, gave him money to squander. Not always all who have wasted their substance, sad to say, come to themselves. But this one did, thank God, and others may. The kind compassionate heavenly Father will meet all more than half way when conviction is deep and a soul's need causes a repentance and a confession, "I have sinned." There is always mercy and forgiveness for a penitent sinner, and when forgiven it is also forgotten.

This young man was granted or made free from parental authority. Dear parents, in kindness and much love, keep your authority in your home or you will be very certain to have some prodigal son or

daughter to weep over, and they may never come to themselves and eternity will be a long time for you to regret that you gave loose reins. O parents, make sure of the company your children are keeping, the kind of literature they are reading, the places of amusements they are frequenting. Prodigality is increasing. Please read 2 Tim. 2: 7; Job 28: 28-32.

Sunday, May 12, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

May 6—The Foundation of the Church. Matt. 16: 13-20.

May 7—The Power of the Church. Acts 2: 41-47.

May 8—The Head of the Church. Eph. 1: 15-23.

May 9—The Unity of the Church. Eph. 4: 1-7.

May 10—The Work of the Church. Rom. 12: 4-8.

May 11—Growth of the Church. Mark 4: 26-32.

May 12—Devotional Reading. Eph. 2: 11-22.

SUBJECT—The CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 2: 41-45; Eph. 4: 1-7, 11-16.

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

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

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

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

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

Eph. 4: 1. I therefore the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work

of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Memory Verse—So we being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another. Romans 12: 5.

Central Thought—God's Church.

Practical Truth — Through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you become a member in the Church, and through obedience to God's Word you stay in the Church.

Suggestion To Teachers

What is the Church? What the Church is for. The nature and work of the Church.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Church of God is a divinely organized church. We get into it through the Door. Jesus said, "I am the door," not baptism. But if you enter through the Door, you will begin to keep the ordinances of the Church, of which baptism is one. When born again you are a member of the Church Jesus built. If you join some man-made church you are in more than is pleasing to God for He has but one Church and wants all His children to be one. These man-made churches cause division, and God is not pleased with that. He is a jealous God. He is calling His children out of these places where they have been scattered and says "Come out of her, my people," meaning spiritual Babylon where so many of His little ones have been in bondage. God bless His dear children with eyes to see the truth and a willing heart to see and discern between the true and false. "There is but one true way." O what a wonderful thing it would be if all of God's children would see this precious truth alike and stay in God's church when they have repented of their sins and been born from above. Dear ones who do see, let us endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and please God,

Sunday May 19, 1935.**Home Study For The Week**

- May 13—Baptism Commanded. Matt. 28: 18- 20.
 May 14—Baptism of the Ethiopian. Acts 8: 26- 39.
 May 15—Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3: 13- 17.
 May 16—Baptism of Three Thousand. Acts 2: 37- 42.
 May 17—Baptism of the Gentiles. Acts 10: 44- 48.
 May 18—Baptism of the Jailer. Acts 16: 25- 34.
 May 19—Devotional Reading or meaning of baptism.
 Rom. 6: 1- 11.

SUBJECT—Baptism.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matthew 28: 19, 20; Acts 8: 26- 39.

Matt. 28: 19. Go ye therefore. and teach all nations. baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always*, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto

a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

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

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

39. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Memory Verse—Go ye therefore. and teach all nations. baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Central Thought—Water baptism.

Practical Truth—Every believer in Jesus, who has believed to the saving of his soul, needs to observe the ordinance of water baptism.

Suggestions To Teachers

The meaning of baptism. Who are subjects for baptism. and why be baptized.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Baptism represents a burial and resurrection. Those who are dead to sin through repentance and faith in Jesus are fit subjects for baptism, and not while in sin, dead in sin or alive to sin. What a sad thing to be buried alive physically. yet it is more sad to be buried in baptism while alive in sin! Many dear souls get deceived. live in that deception and miss heaven. Only salvation through the Blood makes a soul a proper subject for Christian baptism. and every one who is saved from their sins should follow Jesus' example and be baptized. Read Matt. 3: 13- 17.

Some believe and teach that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the only baptism for the church now. But listen. Jesus called and sent out his followers and told them to go and baptize all who believe. Only Jesus Himself can baptize with the Holy Ghost. He never told any one else to do that. It is His exclusive power and official right.

It is precious to be found walking in all the commandments of our Lord and water baptism is one of them.

Sunday, May 26 1935.**HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK**

May 20—The Passover Instituted. Exodus 12: 3- 11.

May 21—The Passover Revived. Ezek. 45: 21- 25.

May 22—The Lord's Supper Instituted. Matt. 26: 17-

30.

May 23—The Lord's Supper Interpreted. 1 Cor. 11: 21- 29.

May 24—The Lord's Supper a Memorial. Luke 22: 14- 23.

May 25—The Lord's Supper a Communion. 1 Cor. 10: 14- 22.

May 26—Devotional Reading or the Bread of Life. John 6: 47- 51.

SUBJECT—The Lord's Supper.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matt. 26: 17- 30; 1 Cor. 11: 23- 29.

Matt. 26: 17. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18. And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him. The Master saith. My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23. And he answered and said. He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him. Thou hast said.

26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

1 Cor. 11: 23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus

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

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

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

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

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

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

Memory Verse—This do in remembrance of me

Central Thought—The Lord's Supper.

Practical Truth—The Lord's supper and its observance by those who had been added to the Church that Jesus built.

Suggestions To Teachers

The meaning of the Lord's supper. Why observe it? Why have it? The supper Jesus gave His friend

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus on the night of His betrayal instituted the ordinance of the Lord's supper. The same night He also instituted another ordinance. Read John 13:

15. I do not think they should be separated. The Church of God does not separate them. They are always observed together.

The real child of God knows the truth of what Jesus said. "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."—John 13: 17. These two ordinances were instituted the same night that Jesus ate the last passover supper with His disciples.

I said, with desire I have desired to eat this supper with them. He then instituted the ordinance of washing the saints' feet, symbolizing true humility. The loaf and the cup are emblems representing the body and blood of our dear atoning Lord.

The gospel preached every time these ordinances are observed. The broken bread so graciously represents the broken body of our wonderful Savior and the fruit the shed blood. It is so easy to understand.

He tells His disciples, as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, ye do shew my death till I come. How can some folks believe and teach no ordinances? God's Word is so plain.