

# FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — 1 JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

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

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## When Jesus Speaks

When Jesus speaks, there's something done  
There's power in His great word:  
It calms the sea, it stills the storm,  
And in the graves 'tis heard.

The Centurion, in days gone by,  
Had faith in Christ the Lord;  
When at death's point his servant lay,  
He said to Jesus "Speak the word."

Just "speak the word," it shall be done,  
My servant shall be healed:  
I have authority to command,  
To me your power is revealed.

When Jesus speaks, how sweet the sound,  
What comfort, too, it brings  
It calms our sorrows, heals our wounds;  
And soothes our bitter pains.

When in temptation's trying hour  
We love to hear His voice:  
It robs the tempter of his power,  
And makes our souls rejoice.

When pressing on in grief or pain,  
And God is still our guide,  
What joy to know that Christ, though slain,  
Is walking by our side.

When Jesus speaks, if men obey  
The victory will be won;  
What e're He says to you, that do,  
There will be something done!

— U. Phillips

## The Word Of God

The Word of God is a light to those in darkness (Psa. 119:105), a warming fire to the cold and luke-

warm professors (Jer. 23:29), refining fire to hearts of dross and sin (Mal. 3:2), and a consuming fire to the wicked (Matt. 3:12). It is bread to the hungry (Matt. 4:4), water of life to the thirsty (Deut. 32:2), water of cleansing to the defiled and guilty (Ezek. 36:26; Psa. 119:9), honey to the bitter in soul (Psa. 119:103), a flaming two-edged sword to the enlisted soldier (Eph. 6:17), and a trumpet of warning to those in danger (Ezek. 33:1-7). It is a compass to the wandering mariner on the sea of life (Psa. 73:24), an unerring guide-post to the weary traveler (Psa. 25:9), a comfort to the afflicted (Psa. 199:49,50), a healing balm to the sick and suffering (Psa. 107:20), wisdom and understanding to the simple and humble-hearted (Psa. 119:99,100). It serves as a hammer to hard and stony hearts (Jer. 23:29). It is the builder's try-square (1 John 4:1; Isa. 8:20), the hope of the righteous (Rom. 15:4), the foundation of their faith (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 10:10), the consolation of their hearts (Heb. 6:8), the discipline of every man of God (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

As a light it is heavenly and glorious; as a fire it is consuming, searching, penetrating, illuminating, melting, purifying; as a food it is pure and wholesome; as a hammer it crushes to powder. Those who eat of it hunger no more; those who drink of it thirst no more; those who bathe in its waters are washed whiter than the snow; those who walk in its light do not stumble; those who hide it in their hearts do not sin; those who fight with it are more than conquerors; those who live by its mandates shall never die.

—J. E. F.

## Our Deliverance

If God's created beings could have received all that they had need of to make them pure, clean, and holy in soul before Christ came, then there would have been no need of Jesus coming to this world and suffering shame and contempt at the hands of sinful men,

being crucified and pouring out His precious innocent blood on the cross of Calvary.

The fact is, Satan had deceived man by lies and had polluted and defiled with sin, his once pure clean soul. He had succeeded in planting sin in his heart and through this sin had brought man under bondage to himself and man became miserable and in friction with his Creator, a very sad state to be in.

The sin which Satan has planted in man's heart is unpardonable, as we did not commit this sin. It passed upon us because our forefathers transgressed the laws of God and for this reason God let man down into this cursed condition and all of his posterity.

God was not unfaithful to man whom He had made; but as the curse was pronounced upon man He also promised to send a Savior to redeem man from the curse, purchase him for God's sacred use, cleansing him from the defilement and pollution of Satan's planting of sin, making him clean, holy and pure in heart; a place where God's Spirit would dwell; giving man power to live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. (Titus 2:11-12).

All of the prophets, from Moses on down, have spoken comforting and consoling words to men concerning the coming of the Messiah or Jesus; who, by His sacrifice would destroy sin and deliver us from the curse. The Prophet Isaiah is very bold about it, and in the 53rd chapter gives us a beautiful word picture of the crucifixion of Jesus and the benefits we receive. (Please read this chapter.) Turning to the 13th chapter of Zechariah and first verse, we read: "In that day (the Gospel day) there shall be a fountain (the blood of Jesus) open to the house of David, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness." We not only have forgiveness of sins through faith in the atoning blood; but we have cleansing from all uncleanness which includes that sinful nature which Satan loaded on us through the transgression.

John the Baptist made the mission of Jesus very definite and plain to us when he spoke these words as Jesus approached them: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

That this cleansing and purifying is for us through the faith in Christ, all of the apostles have likewise written, teaching these things to us in different manners and with different words of expression. Throughout the gospels, Jesus has declared it unto us repeatedly. In Matt. 5:8, He says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Please read the last thirteen verses of the first chapter of Luke. Let the truths of the 17th chapter of John sink into your soul.

in which Jesus was praying unto the Father for the disciples, and not only for them; but for us who believe on Him through their words.

Jesus says, (in speaking of the disciples who were only justified) "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify (consecrate saying, thy will be done) myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." What wonderful heart inspiring words these are, from the lips of our Savior, to fallen bruised and broken hearted man who is bound by the fetters of sin. Jesus consecrates or sets himself apart to give His life's blood upon the cursed tree that you and I might have the sin nature taken out of us or destroyed so that we can have the Holy Spirit living in our hearts to guide and comfort us through life.

In Rom. 15:16, Paul says that he is the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles that their offering up might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. In the 12th chapter of Rom. he teaches us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

In first Thess. 4:3 he says: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." In the 5th chapter and 22nd verse we read: "Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace (God who has brought peace to your soul through the forgiveness of sins) sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." If a man's whole spirit, soul and body is preserved blameless, how much would be left of him to commit sin?

Turn with me to the first chapter of Eph. and begin to read at the 13th verse, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." You notice in these scriptures that we are sealed with the holy spirit of promise after that we have believed and that this Holy Spirit which comes in and sets us apart for His sacred use continues to dwell in us and is only an earnest or small portion of

what we shall possess when this body which has been purchased by His blood and is possessed by the Holy Spirit; is changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body. Phil.3:21.

In Heb.10:19, Paul exhorts the brethern to have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. In the 12th verse of the 13th chapter he says, "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate."

Peter says in 1 Peter 1:22: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethern, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." We purify our souls by obeying the truth. The truth of God's word, if obeyed, will lead us right into sanctification and pure love can only come from a purified heart, a heart that is cleansed by the blood. In the 15th verse of the 3rd chapter he says: "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." Set your heart apart for God to live and reign there, and He will cleanse it and set up His abode in your soul. The salvation which has been purchased for us through Christ is indeed a great salvation. A complete and perfect one as we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. O, glory, its riches can't be told! His love just bubbles over in our souls.

Brethern and sisters, this is the will of God even your sanctification. "Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt.7:7.

—Fred Pruitt

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## A Christian Not A Sinner

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It is commonly taught to-day that a Christian sins more or less all the time, and that such can not rise to walk on a plain above sin. It is true also that a great many false doctrines are being taught in these days, and we must not believe everything we read or hear which professes to be gospel. We know that some people teach there is no hell for unrepentant sinners. We, who profess to be God's children are sure that there is a place called hell, where the wicked will be punished. But how can we prove that the doctrine of no hell is a false one? Why, by comparing it with the teaching of the Word of God. We know also that many teach that no one can live without committing sin in this life. They say there is no righteous people upon earth, and none can be pure from sin in this world. Just as we test the doctrine that there is no hell by the Word of God, so we must test this by the

same rule. Whatever opinion we may have been holding concerning this point, must be given up if the Word of God teaches differently. The point now in question is, can we be Christians, and at the same time be sinners? Of course it must be admitted there is some difference between the Christian and the ordinary sinner. Scarcely any person will deny that such is the case. But how much, and in what manner do they differ? How many sins more does a sinner commit daily, than a Christian? Can any one tell? If some one were to venture a reply in the affirmative, would we accept it as correct? I am sure none of our readers would accept such professed wisdom as reliable.

We will have to go to the good old Bible for information on this point. Does the holy Book say that a Christian is a sinner? Surely not. God's Word says, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. "Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." verse 6. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." Verse 8. "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. Here we have a number of plain statements from Scripture as to who they are that commit sin. They are transgressors of the law; have not seen or known Christ; and are of the devil. There is no hint that they are Christians. They were not recognized as being saved while in sin, in the days of the apostles.

But who are Christians, and what is their character? They are those who are born of God. We can not be a Christian unless we are born of God. We are not sons of God except by spiritual birth. "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. In no other manner can we become a Christian. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12,13. Then they that receive Christ are sons of God, and are thus called because they are born of God. But do those who are born of God live in sin? "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" Rom. 6:2. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he can not sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18. Surely, dear reader, the Word of God proves that a Christian is not a sinner.

—J. C. B.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
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## EDITORIALS

Our souls are rejoicing much these days as we have seen and know of the power and Spirit of God working in behalf of the printing work. The Lord's Print Shop will be much better equipped for putting out the Gospel by the printed page than ever before, when the two Job Presses and Paper Folder are put in and are in operation. The Lord has already enabled us to purchase and put in the Shop, the 8 by 12 Job Press. We have made several Job runs on it and find that it is a good one, doing the work nicely and easily. He has so supplied that we shall be able to buy a 12 by 18 Job Press and also a Paper Folder for the office. Our heart is filled with humility and thankfulness to God who has made it possible through His consecrated servants. God will greatly reward those who have given of their means for the furtherance of the gospel, and also those who have been earnest in prayer, though they have little to give. We are sure that there are a few who are really laying up treasures in heaven. We ask all of our readers to continue to pray for us that we have heavenly wisdom in making the purchase of the proper machinery.

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We had quite a large wrapping of tract packages today and while at this work we were thinking about the many different people who would read these tracts, and in far distant parts of the country as the different packages would be scattered after being put in the mail and would soon be in all parts of the United States. Some would be handed out and others would be put into letters and continue to travel from one to another. Just think what a vast army would read them. Surely, there is no greater or better way to get the gospel to men and women. You are helping to make this possible by your means and prayers. Truly, our hearts rejoice in Him.

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On the seventh of June, the Lord enabled us to start a tent meeting here in Guthrie, and at this writing it is moving on nicely, with very good attendance and interest. We are expecting souls to get saved in this meeting. Bro. Ulysses Phillips is here and being used of God to give out the word. Bro. Ostis Wilson of Anthony, Kansas is also being used to minister the gospel to these people. Sister Bell of Ckmulgee, Okla. is another minister that God has sent in to help preach His word here and we are expecting more ministers in Saturday. Heart-searching truth is going forth and the devil and his evil work is being exposed, Jesus is being exalted.

It has been nearly eight months since we arrived home last fall from our evangelistic tour through the east and north-eastern states. These eight months have been months of steady and continued office and print shop work and we have delighted in this work as thousands upon thousands of tracts, booklets and papers have been sent out which, of course previous to sending, had to be printed and prepared for mailing.

Our hearts many times have been aglow with joy even though housed by a tired, worn body; and we fully understood what the apostle Paul meant when he said, "For this cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet, the inward man is renewed day by day." Our work oft' times was so much and so pressing, that God would give us supernatural strength and double work would be done in one day.

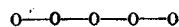
The numerous letters from saints and others have been a source of encouragement to us: some praying for us, others sending means, some getting saved through the reading of a tract or booklet, and others telling us of how God healed them. All such letters have comforted our hearts and quickened our faith and activity in doing all we can while God keeps life in this mortal body.



When wife and Lawrence, with the rest of the folks returned from their trip to Calif. I was hoping, praying and expecting Anna Marie to return with them to continue the operating of the Linotype machine. When they arrived without her, I was disappointed, as I not only would like to have her to operate the Linotype; but I love to have her at home. She felt clear to stay in Calif. for a while at least, as she had nursing work to do. But the Lord was not unmindful of us and the need of help here in the office; as for sometime He had been talking to and preparing a young school teacher who lived in New Mex., to come here and help in the Office work. She arrived here at the Office three days after the folks came home. When I spoke to her about not having a Linotype operator, she said she believed that she would like that, although she knew nothing about operating one.

After a few instructions, she began work with the machine and now she is getting quite handy with it. She is also consecrating and settling down into God in a marvelous manner, filling the Office need in more than one way. God makes no mistakes and He will place and use every soul that is fully yielded to Him. Her name is Geneva Bailey, and she comes from the mountains of North-west New Mexico. She will need your prayers, as the enemy works hard against the

young people that begin to yield to God. She has won several battles against Satan since she has been here, and her soul continues to reach out after God and His ways.



There will be no "Faith and Victory" paper printed and sent out for August, as has been our custom in the past. It is very needful that the office workers have a little 'let up' from this confining indoor work. The Sunday School lessons will be printed and sent to those who have subscribed for rolls and to all others who desire them.

If you are not getting a roll of papers and want the Bible lessons for August, let us know and we will send them to you.

A car load of us are expecting to go to the Hammond, La. Camp-meeting and will likely continue in those parts holding revival meetings until the middle of August.

Wife will continue here at the office to take care of things and keep up the correspondence, wrap and mail the tracts and other ordered literature. Lawrence and his wife will also be here to help along as the need may be. Pray for us and pray for them, as we shall always be busy for the Lord wherever and whichever way He sees fit to use us. The Lord is blessing this printing work in more than one way. It is all consecrated into His hands, and it is very evident that He is preparing to send out a greater volume of printed truth than ever before. Brethern and sisters, pray for us and do all you can to further the work. Many souls ought to have this literature, who are not getting it. God is depending on you to do the things at hand which you can do. No saved person need be idle. If they continue idle they will soon be unsaved. God calls for service and not for idleness. We should all be very busy for the Lord. If He calls you to personal spiritual work, keep busy at it; if He calls you to labor with your hands, be diligent in your work, that you may have to give to other members of the body which labor in word and doctrine. The whole body working together becomes edifying to one another and effectual in the salvation of precious souls.

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## Camp Meetings

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The Church of God Camp-meeting at Neosho, Mo. will begin this year on July 17th and run over the 27th of July. We are hearing from many who are expecting to attend the meeting here this summer.

The Camp-meeting will be located several blocks

south of the Neosho Fish Hatchery in the chapel yard.

All are invited. Many souls have been saved and the saints much refreshed in the past camp-meetings held here, and we are expecting greater things this summer. Bring Straw-ticks, bedding towels, etc. as the meeting is largely attended and thereby causes some burdens which we gladly bear for the Lord. Tents will be furnished at the usual cost of \$2.00 for ten days. If you want one, notify us before you come. Do not stay away from this meeting, because you have nothing to give. Come and enjoy good things in the Lord. Those sending means to help prepare for the meeting, send to Bro. John Strech R. 5, Neosho, Mo. For other particulars, drop us a card. —John Strech.

The Boley camp-meeting will begin Aug. 7, lasting ten days as usual. The gospel will be preached in its fullness. Everyone is invited. Come prepared as much as possible, to take care of yourselves.

For further information write to: Lizze Jones, Boley, Okla.; and Manly Spears, Route 2, Boley, Okla. —Manly Spears

A camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at Lone Oak, one mile north and two and one-half mi. east of Dover, Okla. July 24—Aug. 1.

Anyone having donations to send, or desiring further information communicate with Ulysses Phillips Dover, Okla.

The Church of God Camp meeting at Shawnee has been changed. It will begin on the 4th of Sept. and last ten days.

All are welcome to the Shawnee, Okla. meeting.

We are expecting the usual good meeting and those coming will find the Saints ready to do all they can to make your stay blessed and encouraging to your heart. Come and bring your friends.

O. B. Wilson — 726 N. Union, Shawnee, Okla.

There will be an "old time" Camp Meeting four miles north and one mile west of Meeker; and two miles south and one mi. west of Forest Church.

All are invited. Those who stay over, bring straw ticks.

This meeting will begin on the 21st day of August and last ten days. —T.E. and Rena Armstrong

The saints at Ithaca, Ohio are preparing to have a ten day tent meeting some time in August. They welcome all of God's saints, and all of God's humble ministers. If you bring bedding, they can furnish sleeping quarters for a good many.

Those who want to know particulars about the meeting and date of same, write to Bro. Kenneth Coates, or W. A. McCoy, Gen. Del., Ithaca, Ohio.

#### In Regard to the Use of the State Tent:

Requests to use the State tent have been received and granted to some congregations, as you see by the meeting notices in this issue of the paper. The dates from July 24 to Sept. 15th have been granted. If you have not sent in a request for the tent and can arrange your meeting before or after these dates, notify one of the trustees.

Again this year, there will be some financial help for the Camp Meetings and probably for tent revivals.

As the tent is furnished and also some financial aid, the various congregations should keep the tent in constant use throughout the summer. Each congregation using the tent should care for it properly. —O. C. P.

#### NOTICE

Bro. H. P. Huskey and wife, who are at Sank, Mo., are desiring to go to the Neosho Camp-meeting. If anyone is going through to this meeting from the East, they would like to get passage over there and will help pay expenses on the way.

They can meet car on Highway 34 or 51. If you have room to take them, correspond with them at Sank, Mo. about the matter. They could meet a car on Highway 60.

### *The Future State Of Man*

I am made to believe that there are a goodly number of people who do not believe in a future existence, or a resurrection from the dead. This class seems to think that when this mortal life comes to a close, that will end everything so far as the deceased one is concerned. Many who had conceived this false deceptive idea, have committed suicide when they met with severe trials, and troubles; thinking that they would be relieved from further suffering; but how terrible was their mistake!

We are not as the dumb brutes and animals of the lower order that have no soul. Men were created on a higher order. They were endowed with a spirit which is capable of receiving understanding; they were made accountable beings. When this mortal clay shall return to sleeping dust, "the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." (Ecc. 12:7). In the great resurrection, when all nations shall be summoned to appear before the judgement seat of Christ, (Matt. 25:31-32) each one shall stand to answer for the deeds that were done in the body. "For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing: whether it be good or whether it be evil." (Ecc. 12:14). Yes, the dead shall rise at the blast of the trumpet of God (1Thes. 4:1-16). The Word of God does not leave us in the dark on this subject. Let us examine a few texts of Holy writ, and see if we can be enlightened by divine

truth on this subject.

The question was asked by one of old: "If a man die, shall he live again? We have the answer to these words: "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19:26); "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27); "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:12). "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10); "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent; because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31): "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." (Acts 24:15).

These and many other texts of Scripture prove to us that there is a future existence of man, and also a future destiny to where he is going. It depends on how each individual conducts himself in this world, as to what his future destiny shall be, for death does not change the spiritual condition. "As the tree falleth there it shall be." There is no repentance beyond the tomb, and no salvation offered after this life is ended.

There are two classes of people in this world, described by different terms, having the same meaning. Such as: the righteous and the wicked; the good and the bad; the just and the unjust; the saved and the unsaved; the saint and the sinner: etc. Dear reader, you belong to one or the other of these classes: you can not belong to both at the same time, and there is no neutral ground.

There are only two places where man will spend eternity, - heaven or hell. There is no getting around this truth. We are facing a stern reality; death and the judgement are before us all, and the Book of books teaches us that "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Where will you spend eternity? a question that should arouse every living mortal to sober thought. In Matt. 25:31-34 we read: "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd

divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on the right hand but the goats on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The 41st verse reads: "Then shall he say to them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed., into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Dear reader, on which side will you stand in that great day? on which side are you now? what will be your future destiny? Jesus suffered death upon the cross to save through his blood, all that would come unto him by faith. He arose again from the dead and has gone to prepare a place for all them that love and keep his commandments.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. (Eccl 12:13-14). What a deafening, heart-rendering sound will fall upon the ears of those who shall be stationed upon the left hand side when they hear the Savior say: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." But those on the right hand, those who shall have made a wise choice, who shall have repented and sought shelter beneath the blood of the crucified Savior, the Lamb that was slain: what consolation will be theirs; what joy forevermore!

"When old earth shall cease to travel,  
And when time shall be no more;  
With our loved ones we shall gather  
Over on the other shore;  
Where all sorrow will be over,  
Where all tears are wiped away,  
Where, with angels' voices blending  
We shall sing in endless day."

Dear fellow travelers to the great judgment bar of God, and to that great eternity bound shore: may you not pass this matter lightly by, but give it due and careful consideration; that you may be able to stand with the redeemed and blood-washed throng of whom it has been said that "God shall wipe all tears from their eyes. —Amen.

—Ulysses Phillips

Mo. Faith Pub. House:—I have read your little paper a friend gave to me and think it is the deepest explanation on the Bible I have ever read. I am sorry it is not a weekly paper. I am sending 25cts., for one years subscription. Yours for service.

—Mrs. L. M. Ritter.

## The One True way

While there are many ways of man, yet there is but one true way which the Bible teaches—'tis the way Jesus and the apostles left on record; the way they trod while here on earth. Jesus says in Matt. 7:14, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life and few there be that find it." The way is so straight that no sin can go therein; but wide enough to take every one that will get saved, sanctified, live a clean pure life, and obey the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's people are humble but the professed people of the world don't care to pay the price. They aren't willing to die out to the world, pride, styles, fashions self, etc.; and take the narrow way. We read in Prov. 14:12—16:25. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." We find millions of people today in this sad condition, just have a form of Godliness but denying the power of God. This is a very sad picture; but true. Look at the different ways of today: over 2000 different ways seeming to be right; but at last awake to the fact— Lost, lost!

You may ask, them if they believe a man can be saved, sanctified and live a pure, clean, sinless life and they will make fun of you and say no one can live free from sin. Right in the face of the scriptures where it says: "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committs sin is of the devil." Yet, they say you cannot live it. I feel it is because they do not search the scriptures for themselves to see whether those things are true; but just take what some preacher says.

In the early morning church they searched the scriptures daily to see if those things were true. (Acts 17:11). In John 5:39,40 we read, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." "And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." So many people are deceived and don't think we can live above sin, when we read in 1 John 2:1. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not."; and in 1 John 3:6: Whosoever abideth (stays) in him (Christ) sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither know him." Those people are in the way that seemeth right.

Dear ones, what sin do you have to commit? Do you have to steal, lie, covet, take God's name in vain, get

drunk, commit adultery, leave your wife or husband and take another or raise a disturbance in your neighborhood, bear false witness against your brother, just because you don't like him; and try to kill his influence? Do you have hatred or jealousy in your heart or feel hurt at someone because you think they care more for another than they do you? Do you talk about your neighbor or brother and never go to them? Is there an ill feeling in your heart toward a brother, yet you can't tell, just what it is? You may belong to all the meeting houses and have your name on all the church books, or profess to be a saint, but if those things are in your life, you are deceived and on the way that seemeth to be right, you are not on the straight, narrow way at all.

We read in Rev. 21:8: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murtherers, and socerers, and idolaters and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." So this is the clean, pure way, free from all sins. Read Isaiah 35:8.

—W. I. Miles

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Mo. Faith Publishing House; Dear brothers and sisters:— I am writing you a few lines this morning, greeting you in the precious name of Jesus who so freely gave His life upon the cruel cross for us all. I am glad I learned of Him and found He was so good and merciful unto unworthy human beings and glad I learned Salvation is really healthy. I have been in better health since I have been trusting the Lord than I ever was before. Hope you are all well; at the office and encouraged in the good work for the dear Lord. I am sending \$1.00 to help buy the machinery that is needed in the print shop. With love. Pray for me. Yours for the truth,

—Katie Marler.

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Ohio Dear Brother Pruitt:— Greeting to you in Jesus' dear name. I am standing on the word of God for soul and body. It is a sure foundation for us to build our hopes upon for the soul and body, for time and eternity.

Dear Bro., I am sending you an article that I would like for you to print in tract form. Please write and tell me how many pages this article will make, and the price. I will send you the money when I hear from you.

Yours for God and His precious word. —G.W.Frye



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## Which Loved Best?

"I love you mother," said little John,  
Then forgetting his work his cap went on,  
And he was off to the garden swing,  
And left her the coal and wood to bring.

"I love you, mother," said rosy Nell,  
I love you better than tongue can tell."  
Then she teased and pouted full half a day,  
Till mother was glad when she left to play.

"I love you, mother," said little Fan,  
"To-day I'll help you all I can;  
How glad I am school doesn't keep."  
So she rocked the baby off to sleep;

Then, stepping softly, she brought the broom,  
And swept the floor and tidied the room;  
Busy and happy all day was she,  
Helpful and happy as a child could be.

"I love you, mother," again they said—  
Three little children going to bed,  
But how do you think the mother guessed  
Which of them really loved her best?

—Sel.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

On the 28th of May we arrived at home, having been away nearly six weeks. The Lord's hand of protection was over us continually and we praise Him for all His loving kindness. We appreciate also, the kindness of the saints whom we met.

This trip has given us first hand information as to conditions, spiritual and otherwise, in distant places. We are pleased to testify that we met a few real saints, and God is leading them. In some places the devil has scattered the flock—some have backslidden, some have turned to this by-path and some to the other. We need to pray that God may send forth the fire of His Word, burn out every wrong thing and give them space for reconstruction.

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We are thankful to God for the way He is answering prayer in behalf of the publishing work. The people all over the world need the pure gospel more than they need anything else. How true it is that — "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few"! Jesus says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest

that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." The Lord can only use those who will heed the call and go forth.

In several instances, Jesus, in speaking to the multitudes, said: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Hearing His Word meant to believe and obey it. Many did not have "ears to hear." A prophet speaks of a time of a great famine that would come. The famine is on now. There may be a famine of temporal food in some places, but there is certainly a universal famine raging — a famine of hearing the Word of God!

In Noah's time, just before the great Flood; the people would not hear God's Word, and so it is today just before Christ's second coming and the destruction of the world by fire. —L.D.P.

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Okla. Dear Young Saints:— Jesus spoke to my heart two years ago telling me to follow Him. I started to follow; but since then I have been confused, tempest-tossed, and even went back into sin and darkness. I learned the reason for this through a personal experience, which I think I shall never forget.

While living in the Mts. of N. Mex., I took great pleasure in horseback riding. I preferred to ride, accompanied by others; but when there was no one to go with me, I would go alone. About one month ago, I was riding alone and found it necessary to cross a river. I knew very little about the river; but I knew that others had crossed it, so thought I would have no trouble in doing so. I chose a place where the water was running smoothly, thinking it would be the easiest and best place to cross. The water was deeper than I had expected, and alarmingly swift. I began to doubt my ability to cross it; but had no thought of turning back. Suddenly, a man appeared on a high bank on the other side of the river. He motioned for me to turn back, then showed me a place to cross. The place to which he directed me seemed to be the roughest, rockiest, and widest place in the river; but I knew that he had crossed it himself, so I followed his advise. He stood on the other shore and directed each step and turn to take. I got along very nicely as long as I looked at him; but each time I would look at the river, the movement of the rough waves would make me dizzy. When I reached the other shore, I learned

that the place where I had started to cross was the deepest place in the river, and that there was a strong undercurrent there.

The Savior has crossed the river of life, and stands on the other shore to guide us across. If we attempt to choose our own way (the one that seems smoothest), we will be caught in an undercurrent and drowned in the deep waters. Or, if we start out to pursue the course which He shows us; but take our eyes off Him to look at the dashing waves, we shall get dizzy and fall. The only safe way is to find the Guide (He is not hard to find, for He continually beacons to us) and keep our eyes on Him, ever mindful to do His bidding.

I fell because I did not keep my eyes on the Guide: He heard my cry of distress and saved me.

—Geneva Bailey

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Okla. Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers:—Greetings in Jesus who died that we might live.

It is a grand privilege to be saved and kept by the power of God. I see the great need of sinking deeper into God, not to care for anything only to know His will concerning me. Time is fast coming to a close and we are doing so little for the Lord. It encourages me to see the young saints settling down to business; sad to see so many getting more careless. How this must pain the Lord who suffered so much that we might have life everlasting. I have been reading "Prince of the House of David." Jesus suffered severely. It says he was weak from hunger and cold then had the crown of thorns pressed upon His head, His beard was torn and matted with blood which oozed from his head and lips, where they smote him when he answered their questions. After he had stood on His feet all night they scourged Him, John took the crown of thorns off and bathed the wounds; but they put them back on and made him carry the heavy cross up the hill, he sank beneath the burden twice. How patiently Jesus suffered! It says he looked so sad, after suffering, answered not a word; but when he saw his mother weeping so loudly he asked her not to weep because he came into the world to suffer and die, then he smiled at her. The people cursed the woman and Jesus went on His way. He was weak and fainted twice but answered never a word; but when the thief on the cross repented he could then answer.

If people could realize that they crucify him anew by turning him down, surely they would accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

—Selma Hiebert

## The Blessed God

In the apostle's words as recorded in 1 Tim. 1:11, which we have before quoted, God is spoken of as "the blessed God." In what does the blessedness of God consist? We conclude that whatever would make God a blessed God, that same would make man a blessed man. Blessedness has a somewhat similar meaning to happiness, only it is a deeper and richer word. It means the fullest joy, the deepest and highest felicity, the purest ecstasy, the richest and fullest contentment that can be experienced. Such is the blessedness of God, but in what way does God find such blessedness? God is not made happy in the way that most men seek for happiness. Dear young people, this is a lesson you need to learn. We feel so incapable of telling you, as we would like, how you can be the most and truest blessed and happy. Oh, how our heart sickens as we see how men are trying to find happiness. This world is seeking after pleasure. The highest pleasure they know is the gratification of some physical sense. They are seeking for physical thrills. These are mean in comparison to the pleasures of God. Dear young people, go not into the ways of the world to find pleasure. True happiness is not to be found in those things that please the palate, that delight the eye, that charm the ears, that play upon the feelings, that gratify the physical passions. Alas, how many are battering away their highest happiness, truest joy for some sensual enjoyment! O God! save our young people from the allurements of fleshly pleasures! The whole life of many a young man and woman has been wrecked and ruined by a momentary gratification of the flesh.

Jesus has taught us that the deepest and purest joys come through sacrifice and suffering. The joy of giving is purer, higher than the joy of receiving. How few have tasted this. The love of God is of such a nature that it finds its highest happiness in suffering for the object loved. Oh, the blessedness of pouring out our life for those we love! Those who are the most capable of suffering find holiest delights. Multitudes of what many religious professors call innocent amusements, serve only to dull the sensibilities of the soul to higher and finer joys. Have a care of those things the world is calling innocent and educational. Beware, lest they rob your soul of its sensitiveness to the touch of pity and sympathy for souls in the guilt of sin. Beware, lest these sensual pleasures relieve your heart of its capabilities of being burdened for

lost, wrecked and ruined men. It is not in the feast, but in the fast that we come in touch with the pure joy of the Lord. It is in the agony of prayer that we experience the blessedness of God. It is in travail of soul that we taste of the joy of pain. It is in bearing the cross that we approach nearest to the felicity of heaven. It is in suffering love and sympathetic sorrow that the soul tastes of highest and holiest rapture. The blessedness of God does not consist in forgetting the sorrows of men; but in feeling them. Christ is not blessed in saving Himself; but in saving others. There are some sufferings of Christ yet left behind for you and me to fill up. We fill them up by laboring, sacrificing, sympathizing, agonizing in prayer that we might bring souls, lost in sin, to the light and love of Jesus. Those who have the spirit of the cross, who are workers with Christ in the great mystery of suffering have found the secret of the blessedness of God. Jesus said, "These words have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you. The joy of Christ in the life is the happiness of man. Dear reader, we implore you to seek for the highest joys and seek them in the way they are found. —C. E. Orr

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TESTIMONIES

Mo. To all the readers of *Faith and Victory* I write these lines today:— We are all eternity bound souls, and must stand before God at the judgment, where there will be no respect of persons. We shall each answer for our own selves; not what someone has thought or said about us; but what we have really done. Since I know this to be true, I am glad that I have confessed, forsaken, and been forgiven of all my sins. I let others hinder me for a long time: watched them more closely than I did myself, got into trouble, caused myself and others many heartaches and bitter tears; but to-day I am glad that all the past is under the precious blood of Jesus, and I am happy in the Lord, with no bitterness in my heart toward anyone. I am glad I have learned the wonderful secret of abiding in the Lord, let others do as they may; but as for me, I intend to see to it that nobody takes my crown.

Truly, God has done wonderful things for me. He has turned darkness into light and many times made ways for us when there seemed to be no way. He also is our family physician. We trust Him fully. Many times He has healed in our home. It might encourage some suffering ones for me to tell of some of the different things God has healed in our home.

He has healed whooping cough, erysipelas, typhoid fever, convulsions, flu, concussion, and pneumonia. Three years ago I was very near death. A doctor examined me and said that I had Pneumonia in both lungs, my heart was very bad, besides other very serious afflictions. I was not the least bit frightened when he told me how seriously ill I was; but told him that I didn't want any medicine, I only wanted to know what the sickness was. Only God knows how terribly I suffered. An abscess formed on my right lung and it seemed I could not live. The dear ones who were caring for me thought I was dying at different times; our children were called home, my favorite songs were sung for me as they thought I was leaving this world; but I was not frightened or worried about anything in the least. The sting of death is sin, and since my sins were all gone, I had nothing to fear, and though I suffered such intense pain, God would give me sweet rest and sleep in answer to prayer. Oh, how I thank God for all those precious prayers and tears in my behalf! I was perfectly willing for God to have His way, willing to go if He saw best to take me; but the prayer of faith reached God on His throne. He spared my life and healed me without a drop of medicine or a remedy. After the abscess broke, I would spit up a half pint of blood during a fit of coughing. That was a terrible experience; but God gave me grace to trust Him through it all. I never can praise Him enough for His mercy to me.

This past winter I was sick again with lung fever and had to be in bed for several weeks; but my trust was still in the dear Lord. He had mercy and again, spared my life. Some of God's dear children came and anointed me; God heard and answered prayer and healed me again. The devil has contested every step of the ground we have gained, but in Jesus' dear name, we claim the victory, and believe the work is done. Oh, how wonderful it seemed for that awful fever and weakness to be gone, and me able to get about again. I have been stronger this spring than I have been for years: To God belongs all the praise and glory.

Dear ones, continue to pray for me, help me fight this fight of faith. I want to thank every child of God who has had a part in praying for me, and I pray that God will abundantly bless and reward you, every one.

Your sister  
—Mrs. John W. Wilson

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Tenn. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— We send greetings of holy love in Jesus name, praying for God to

richly bless your souls and keep you on the blood and fire line for God; thus, making you instruments in God's hands in rescuing lost and perishing souls and leading them out into the light of the pure gospel.

I truly, thank and praise God to-day for real Bible Salvation and for the decision I have deep down in my soul to go through for God, the Bible way. I see this world with all its sinful follies conquered at my feet. (Praise the Lord).

I enjoy the little paper "Faith and Victory" very much. The articles and testimonies are rich and are real food to my soul.

We trust this finds you well in body and encouraged in the Lord's work. Our prayer is that God will keep His hand upon His true ministers and give them power and authority to go forth to declare the whole council of God, right in the face of opposition.

We trust the Lord will supply your every need and bless your labors as you work and labor in His service, trying to spread the printed page.

I feel very sad and lonely since my dear Mother went on home to glory last November. My aged Father and I are alone and he is very feeble and in bed most of the time. I have many trials, struggles and tests to go through. I surely need your earnest prayers, that I be faithful and endure to the end. —Your Sis. in Christ

—Audrey Buttram

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Oregon. Dear Brother:— I am sending you 50 cents. I wish I could send more, for I get so much soul food from your paper. Please send me a sample package of your tracts. I am asking for prayer. I have a sore on my nose. It has been there a long time and I don't seem to get the victory myself, so I am asking you dear people to remember me in prayer. I stand alone in my home for God. My faith and trust are in Him.

Use the money in your work of sending out the Gospel message. —Your sister in the Church of God.

—Mrs. A. Sutton

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Arizona. Dear Saints scattered abroad:—I thank the Lord I am saved and more encouraged every day to live for the dear Lord. I am glad I found this Holy way in due time. The good Lord has wonderfully blessed me since I came to Arizona. He is my all in all. I have it settled to go all the way with the Lord. Praise His dear name! I thank Him for the "Faith and Victory" paper. There aren't any saints here where I live so I read the testimonies of the saints. The "Faith and Victory" paper is food to my soul.

I am sending for some of your tracts to read and to give to others.

Pray for me that I may be just what the Lord would have me be. Your sister in one body.—M. Batts

Mo. Dear Bro. Pruitt and Other Workers in the Office:— In the name of our Dear Savior I am writing you a few lines this morning. I am still saved and enjoying salvation and if possible am more thankful for the Lord's gracious dealings with me than ever before. When we look around us and see how some are falling away, giving heed to seducing Spirits and such how thankful we should be for the decision we have to stand firm for the whole truth as it was taught in the early morning time and thank God is still taught by a few of God's Holy Spirit led Ministers in these last evil and perilous times. We surely are now in the time when God said He would shake, not only the earth but the heaven also; that that which could not be shaken may remain. Your bro. in Christ.

—E.M. Wood

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Wash. Dear Bro., Sister and other workers at the Office:— Greeting in Jesus. God bless you all with every needed blessing.

I arrived here June 3rd, at 9:27 A.M., after a stop at Leadville, Colo.; Hubbard, Ore.; and Portland Ore. The dear Lord has been so good to me all the long journey from Hammond, La. which is 3547 mi. I expect my daugh'er to meet me here and we shall go together, the 320 more miles on to her home.

Please send me a few sample copies of "Faith and Victory." I will send in some subscriptions D. V. a little later. Yours in much Christian love.

—Mrs. Sadie E. Orr

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#### BREVITY OF LIFE

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##### Morning

The morning sun is coming up;  
I'm Just a child now—  
'Tis early spring-time so to speak,  
No care has crossed my brow.

##### Noon

The noonday sun is bearing down:  
I'm grown to be a man—  
The summer crop depends on me,  
With souls on every hand.


##### Evening

The evening sun is sinking fast;  
I'm old! soon death for me—  
The fall and winter ushers in;  
What shall the harvest be?

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- Five copies for one year ..... 1.00
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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."



**BIBLE STUDY**

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN POWER**

Sunday, July 5 1936

Daily Readings and Meditations

- June -29- The Holy Spirit Promised — Joel 2:21-29
- June -30- The Holy Spirit Received — Acts 2:1-11
- July -1- The Power of the Spirit — Acts 2:32-38
- July -2- The Presence of the Spirit. Psalms 139:1-10.
- July -3- Gifts of the Spirit — 1 Cor. 12:1-11.
- July -4- Witness of the Spirit — Romans 8:9-17
- July -5- The Office of the Spirit. John 16:7-14

The Printed Portion ..... Acts 1:6-9; 2:1-11; 32-38

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

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

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in his own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God,

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethern, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Memory verse ..... Acts 1:8

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 The Promise of the Spirit.
  - A. ..Prophesied by Joel. (Joel 2:28-29; Ezek.44:4)
  - B. The kingdom not earthly but Spiritual.
  - C. Shall receive power—shall witness—Did they?
  - D. Comforter promised by Jesus.
- 2 The Fulfillment.
  - A. To those who have faith and are obedient.
  - B. Converted disciples receiving Holy Spirit.
  - C. Holy Ghost fire:.. sin consuming.
  - D. The will of God concerning us.
  - E. The Sojourners—the miracle—the preplexity.
- 3 Witnessing.
  - A. Qualifications of a bold effectual witness.
  - B. Peter before pentecost and after.
  - C. Message: Jesus crucified, resurrected and reigning.
  - D. Place— home— neighbors of all the world.
  - E. Doctrine —repentance— baptism— infilling of the Holy Spirit.

COMMENTMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

As there are so many false doctrines concerning the Holy Spirit scattered abroad in the land to-day, it makes it a rather embarrassing subject to deal with. If there were twelve boys that stole melons from a melon patch and all but one denied the act, still the truth would remain the same. So it is with the teachings set forth in regard to the Holy Spirit. Regardless of the number of false teachings in the world, there still remains the truth in re-

gard to it. Since there are so many winds of doctrines, we shall have to leave off all ideas and opinions and just consider "Thus saith the Lord".

Eight hundred years before Christ, Joel prophesied that afterward He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, yet to-day we find that there are many who profess the name of the Lord that know little or nothing about the Holy Spirit. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto our fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, ..... When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high." We find during the Old Bible days God spake unto the people by prophets and other means, such as; clouds, pillars of fire, and with a voice from a cloud. But He has spoken unto us by His son. While Jesus was here, He would counsel, advise, and guide His disciples. In John 16:7, Jesus speaking to the disciples says, "Nevertheless I tell you a truth: It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you." Again He tells them that they will receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon them, but for them to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power. One might ask: Who is this experience for; do we not receive this Holy Spirit when we get saved? Acts 19:2 we read, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? Again in Jesus' prayer for His disciples who had already believed unto salvation, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth,..... and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (John 17:17-19). Some time very early in the Christian life we will discover that there is something in the heart that is not in harmony with God and His will. We may have a desire to do right, but we find that we do not have power to do what we should. As soon as we realize this lack of power, if we yield to the will of God, the sanctifying grace (the Holy Spirit) will come into our heart; cleansing, purifying, and completely satisfying the soul.

Those sins that we committed may have been all forgiven but still there remains that Adamic sin that we did not commit, that cannot be forgiven; but must be cleansed and purged out by the sin consuming power of the Holy Spirit. Some say that speaking in tongues is the evidence of the Holy Spirit; but not so, because the Holy Spirit is a witness Himself, for the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

#### WITNESSING UNDER PERSECUTION

Sunday, July 12, 1936

#### DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

July -6- Witnessing under persecution. Acts 4:5-12  
 July -7- Faithful Witness 1 Cor. 1:21-25.  
 July -8- Promise of help Luke 21:10-19  
 July -9- A bold Witness. Romans 1:8-17  
 July -10- Holding Fast Hebrews 4:9-16  
 July -11- Reward of Faithfulness. Rev. 7:13-17  
 July -12- The Triumph of Faith. Romans 10: 8-11

Printed Portion.....Acts 4:5-12; 1Cor. 1:21-25

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers,

and elders, and scribes,

6. And Annas the high priest, and Caiphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Memory verse —We ought to obey God rather than man. Acts 5:29

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

##### 1 A Witness of Divine Healing.

A. A curious crowd

B. Peter's message.....Repentance.

##### 2 The Trial of Peter and John

A. The charge presented (verse 7)

B. The answer (verse 10)

##### 3 Witnessing for Jesus

A. Filled with the Holy Spirit

B. Message Theme

(1) Jesus Crucified

(2) The rejected stone

(3) Redemption only in Jesus

(4) Obey God rather than men

There are many witnesses for the Lord to-day, but to be a true effectual witness, one must have been filled with the Spirit in order to have power to stand against sin. It takes boldness and courage to say, no, to the enemy and yes, to God. As we journey on in life, performing our duties, we make contact with many people. In doing business with and meeting these people, we have opportunity to witness for our Lord. As we meet those that are afflicted, we can testify of the healing power of God. We might not have silver nor gold but we should have something much better to offer. Peter said, "Such as I have give I unto thee." What have we to give? Are there

not those about us who are discouraged and down-cast, those that are in trouble and perplexed? We should be ready to witness of the peace and joy we find in Him; how He comforts our hearts in trouble and makes us happy and content while others murmur and complain.

Actual experience donated by the class will arouse much interest. How it takes courage to stand against sin. Young people can witness for Him by being sober, avoiding foolish conversations by not catering to the world, in attending places of amusements, by dressing modestly.

It is better not to talk too much but to meditate on things eternal that will edify and up-build the soul.

There is no better way to witness for the Lord than to keep sweet in the soul under persecution. We might wonder what would be done by us being persecuted, but many have been won to the truth by some soul taking it patiently under severe trial. No doubt, the future of Paul's life was influenced much by him being present at Stephen's death. The thief on the cross was won by the forgiving attitude that Jesus had toward those that were crucifying Him. Since we see that this is one of the ways Jesus uses to win those who are lost, let us be encouraged to suffer for Him. To take the scoffs and scorns of the world, to be a gazing stock, to be made fun of as the Lord sees fit.

### GIVING AND DOING

Sunday, July 19, 1936

#### DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATION

July -13- Christian Brotherhood	Acts 4:32-37
July -14- The Grace of Liberality	2Cor. 8:1-9
July -15- The Liberal Soul	Proverbs 11:24-28
July -16- Mutual Helpfulness	Romans 15:1-7
July -17- The Open Hand	Deuteronomy 15:7,8
July -18- The Open Heart	Colossians 3:12-17
July -19- The Generous Man	Psalms 112:5-10

Printed Portion ..... Acts 4:32-35; 2 Cor. 8:1-9

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberty.

3 For to their power, I bear record, Yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would re-

ceive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their ownelves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God

6 Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us see that ye abound also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich.

Memory Verse — He said, it is more blessed to give than to receive. ....

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Giving as unto the Lord
  - A. Individually (Let each man)
  - B. Collectively (As a congregation)
- 2 Unity Necessary (No Substitute for it)
  - A. Trustworthy Leaders (qualified & measured to the word)
  - B. Confidence in Leaders (Do heartily as to the Lord)
- 3 Result and Reward
  - A. No Lack Among Them
  - B. Selling Possessions ..(Not compulsory but a privilege)
  - C. Doing all that we are able; and willing to do more.
- 4 Giving Ourselves First
  - A. Our Talent, our Time our Comfort, our All.
  - B. Give Cheerfully & willingly: ..Not Grudgingly.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"The poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in thy land." (Deut. 15:11).

From the above text, we conclude that we shall always have the poor with us. Therefore, there is an opportunity for us to do good at any time. Jesus does not set a specified value upon a gift before we can receive a blessing from it, but even a cup of cold water or two mites given in the spirit of humility may cause the windows of Heaven to be opened and a blessing showered upon us that we cannot contain. The Lord said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Since this is true, we see that there are both givers and receivers. (Thank the Lord for the givers!) We, that have witnessed both of these experiences, have been made to realize the truth of this scripture. Truly, our hearts are made to rejoice as God sends the answer to our prayer; but for us to be able to share with the less fortunate, brings satisfaction that cannot be had in any other way. This not only applies materially; but spiritually: because when we were such a needy creature, a

soul lost in sin, away from God, in need of a redeemer, we came into contact with those who possessed that more abundant life and they in turn pointed us to the fountain of living waters. It is only as we partake of this living water that we are able to give ourselves completely into His service.

It is not the ones that turn their pockets wrong side out in front of large audiences, in pretense of giving all; neither is it those who make long prayers and draw nigh to God with their lips, that God honors; but the one that gives and does in the spirit of meekness with that simple child-like faith.

### CHRISTIANITY SPREAD BY PERSECUTION

Sunday, July 26, 1936

#### DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

July -20- The First Christian Martyr	Acts 7:54—8:4
July -21- Sharing Christ's Suffering	1 Peter 4:12-19
July -22- The cost of Discipleship	Matt. 10:34-42
July -23- "Our Light Affliction"	2 Cor. 4:16-18
July -24- Triumph through Tribulation	Rev. 2:8-14
July -25- Security in God	Jude 17-25
July -26- The Proof of Faith	1 Peter 1:3-9

Printed Portion .....Acts 7:59-8:4; 1 Peter 4:12-19

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; That, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end of them be that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful creator.

Memory Verse —Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. (Rev. 2:10)

#### POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

##### 1 Persecution of the Church

A. Then —mostly Temporal.

B. Now —Spiritual attack

C. Conduct of a Christian under persecution.

##### 2 Persecution of:

A. Stephen —His Attitude —Result.

B. Paul —His Testimony —our Privilege

C. Persecution of the Church To-day

##### 3 Cause of Persecution

A. Truth in direct opposition to the modern trend of the world.

B. Living Godly.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In many instances, God uses the materials brought against the Saints which was intended to destroy, and converts them into a blessing for the cause. When forces were centered to put the early church out of existence in the morning time, we find in our lesson to-day that they were scattered abroad and went every where preaching the word. As the enemy thought that he could silence the church by killing the Saints, it only caused many more to believe on the Lord and the truth was sent from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

The attack of Satan to-day is much different than in the former times. Since he could not destroy the church by killing the Saints, he changed his plans and to-day he is making inroads by causing the Saints to become careless and indifferent about the cause. So many have become luke warm, have lost their first love, and have lost the burden for the lost. It makes no difference to Satan how high people profess, so long as they don't live a clean holy life, entirely separated from the form and fashions of the world. In lodges, in creeds and man-made churches, he doesn't mind if things run along smoothly and a spirit of harmony seems to exist; but in the true church of God, he is bringing together all his forces, trying to destroy confidence and fellowship: but by the grace of God, Satan, is rebuked and the love of God continues to knit the Saints together.

As persecution presents itself, a door of opportunity is opened for the child of God to let his light shine. As one commits all to Him who judgeth righteously, in the spirit of love and meekness; God through the working of the Holy Spirit brings conviction on the persecutor or someone looking on, and as a result, souls are born into the kingdom. Saints, let us bear the truth in mind, and as God allows us to be lowered in the furnace of trial, let us not ask for the thorn to be removed; but "come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."